

**ATTACHMENT B**  
VDOE SECONDARY RESEARCH STRAND

**ACTIVITY: F.O.C.U.S. TOPIC**

**F.O.C.U.S. DIRECTIONS:** Fill in the acronym's blank spaces below with the following:

- **F= FOR WHOM** is the writing intended? [AUDIENCE]
- **O= How can the details be ORGANIZED?** [ORGANIZATION]
- **C= Is the topic CLEARLY** stated with all relevant terms? [CLARITY]
- **U= Will the reader/audience UNDERSTAND** what is the scope of the research topic? [UNDERSTANDING]
- **S= SO WHAT** will a reader learn or grow to understand from the research topic? [PURPOSE]

Use this guide sheet to help you begin drafting your thesis statement.

TOPIC:



KEY WORD LIST:

F [Audience]:

O [Organize Details]:

C [Clarify Details]:

U [What should the reader understand about your topic?]

S [So What? What should a reader learn or grow to understand?]