WRIT 101 Assignment
Detailed Inquiry

The purpose of this assignment is both creative/generative and judging/critical. It is designed to help you think about your paper topic carefully, before you begin the research process. It's a good idea to work through this exercise for more than one topic as you search for what you want to write about. The topic in the detailed inquiry you turn in next class is your declaration of commitment to that topic for your project.

Detailed Inquiry Prompts and Example
Please follow the format of this example for your assignment. Note that the answers are succinct and carefully considered, and are not many, many sentences long.

1. **Consider your topic. Offer the topic in broad terms.**

2. **Narrow your topic. Break it down into parts. What—*specifically*—about the topic do you want to learn more about.**

3. **Locate at least one question at issue.**

4. **Consider three possible differing perspectives on the question:**

5. **Consider the larger cultural question at issue. ("So what?")**