

Topic Equations

First, identify areas of personal interest.

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| <p>Things You Like</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · money · clothes · Pizza · music · movies · video games | <p>Things You Do For Fun</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Baseball · the mall · internet · Shopping · parties · Watching TV |
| <p>Things You Care About</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Family · friends · my dog · my community · people being treated fairly | <p>Things You're Interested In</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · computers · cars · math · college · getting a part-time job |

Then, connect your interests to the subject you are studying.

| Interest | Subject | Focused Topic |
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| Baseball | Civil War | Sports during the period; baseball as a popular pastime during the war. |
| Money | | Standard of living; purchasing power of families; types of money; taxes. |
| Part-time job | | Employment rates; job opportunities for young people; wages; careers. |
| College | | College opportunities; admissions process; costs; fields of study; trades. |

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