



Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____

Topic: Surviving Extremes in Nature

Focus Question (What are you trying to find out about)

Ex. What can we learn about surviving extremes from Hurricane Katina and the impact on New Orleans?:

(Class generated question sample)

Thesis Statement (What you believe is the answer to your question):

Ex. Hurricane Katerina hit New Orleans as a category 1 hurricane and the city experienced massive destruction as well as loss of life. From New Orleans we can learn about the importance of early warnings, the destruction caused by high winds and storm surges, and how to recover or prevent damages in the future. (Class generated sample)



Bibliography (List resources you used. You should have at least 2. You are encouraged to include any Articles of the Week or classroom readings.)

Resource 1 Title/Web Address
Resource 2 Title/Web Address
Resource 3 Title/Web Address



Introductory Sentence(s)

(Introduce your topic, including your opinion)

Points

(What points you are going to use to support the main idea – usually 3 points ~ one for each paragraph that will follow; These points will be made into the topic sentences for paragraph 2, paragraph 3, and paragraph 4))



Topic Sentence Paragraph 2	Interesting/ Technical Words
Supporting Details <i>(Evidence backing up/supporting your topic sentence)</i>	



Topic Sentence Paragraph 3	Interesting/ Technical Words
Supporting Details <i>(Evidence backing up/supporting your topic sentence)</i>	



Topic Sentence Paragraph 4

Supporting Details

Evidence backing up/supporting your topic sentence)



Conclusion

(Restate your opinion)

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