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| Your topic right now: | *Parents using lavender essential oil instead of antibiotics to treat kids’ ear infections* |
| List 3-4 additional groups of *people* that could be affected by or are connected to your topic. | *parents, young children, medical doctors, social workers, teachers, companies that make essential oils, pharmaceutical companies, nurses* |
| List 2-3 additional *places* (either specific regions like rural MN or broad categories like elementary schools) that could be affected by or connected to your topic. | *homes, medical clinics, elementary schools, hospitals, United States* |
| List 3-4 additional *ideas* or *concepts* that are connected to your topic. What larger categories does your topic fit into? | *homeopathic medicine, over-prescription of antibiotics, drug-resistant bacteria, treating children’s pain, conflicting medical information on the internet, cost of drugs, medical use of essential oils, production of essential oils, marketing of essential oils* |
| Why is this topic meaningful to you? Think about parts of your story that might connect with other people who share—or do not share—your experiences and identity. | *My mom didn’t like me or my sister to take antibiotics because she thought that they were too often prescribed for kids. My parents also didn’t have good insurance or a lot of money to spend on medicine, so my mom would often use home remedies on us when we were sick. Sometimes it was fine and we got better, but other times we got worse. One of those times my eardrums burst, and I was in horrible pain before my parents took me in to get treated.*  *Experiences I share with others are: being a kid whose parent uses home remedies first; being under-insured; not being able to communicate pain well* |
| Using ideas from the chart you’ve filled in above, write 2 revised topics that expand your original topic idea. | * *Reasons caregivers in the United States have for using homeopathic treatments instead of prescription medicines to their kids;* * *The mixed messages caregivers receive about childhood ear infections* |

Example of ***Expanding your topic***