***Example Narrowing Topic***

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| Your topic right now: | *gender reveal parties* |
| List 3-4 groups of *people* that could be affected by or are connected to your topic. | *expectant parents, families/friends of expectant parents, siblings of baby, baby, followers on social media, social media influencers, environmentalists/conservationists, people concerned with gender discrimination, producers/businesses related to products used in gender reveal parties* |
| List 2-3 different *places* (either specific regions like rural MN or elementary schools) that could be affected by or connected to your topic. | *Instagram/Facebook/Pinterest, places where there is risk of fire, recognizable public landmarks, living rooms, homes* |
| List 3-4 *ideas* that affect or are affected by your topic. (If you struggle with this, look at your topic’s Wikipedia page.) | *gender construction, pregnancy, gender equality, assigning sex at birth, one-upmanship on Instagram, gender reveal parties as physically dangerous (as in starting a wildfire)* |
| 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. | *I identify as a “don’t care if it was a boy or a girl, so long as my baby is healthy” kind of person. I also believe that gender is not “naturally” related to a person’s physical sex, and is a series of roles we inhabit both voluntarily and involuntarily. Therefore, gender reveal parties were silly—or so I thought until I was pregnant for the first time. Pregnancy did weird things to my body, and I had no control of what was happening. I counted down the days until I could learn my baby’s sex on the ultrasound because it felt then like (1) I had some knowledge, some control, over something and (2) I could call my baby by its name and really begin imagining them as a person. It was strange, and I still don’t understand my own reaction, but I can understand other people’s excitement over learning their child’s gender.* |
| Using ideas from the chart you’ve filled in above, write 2 revised topics that narrow your original topic idea. | * *How gender reveal parties reflect or respond to conversations about children’s gender happening in the wider culture* * *How gender reveal parties affect a parent’s experience of pregnancy and/or their unborn baby* |