

Building Your Thesis Map

During the research process, you will be working towards your thesis. Your research question will guide you along your journey. As you gather more information, you will probably discover that you have more questions. This organizer provides a process path and prompts to record your valuable thoughts and questions as you build your thesis.

Inquiry question	
New questions	Reflections and connections
Question prompts Have you explored all relevant perspectives? Have you discovered any conflicting information? Can you see relationships and patterns building? What similarities and differences have you found? What surprises or disturbs you?	What conclusions are you reaching? Have you formed an opinion? What evidence do you have to support your opinion? Do you need more evidence to defend your position? Why is your research important? Who should know about it/Why?
Possible thesis I believe/propose/conclude/argue...	
Thesis Check Point <input type="checkbox"/> arguable and supported by evidence <input type="checkbox"/> probable or defensible <input type="checkbox"/> specific and effective <input type="checkbox"/> your synthesis <input type="checkbox"/> original thought <input type="checkbox"/> provocative or unique	Test out your thesis ideas. Talk to <input type="checkbox"/> fellow students <input type="checkbox"/> teachers <input type="checkbox"/> teacher-librarian <input type="checkbox"/> parents <input type="checkbox"/> experts
Continue research and keep refining your thesis.	