**LL254 Composition and Research**

**Portfolio Research Essay**

# Information Literacy Form 1: Developing a Topic

SS# (Last Four Digits):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Each question is worth 20 points. All responses must be entered in **keyboard format**.

1. Choose a general topic from the list of research essay topics your instructor provided (**For example**: “First Ladies”).

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1. List as many questions as possible that you have about this general topic: at least 8-10 (**For example**: Who are some of the most influential first wives in U.S. History?)
2. List possible sub-topics

(**For example**: Michelle Obama, Hillary Clinton, Nancy Reagan, Eleanor Roosevelt)

1. Based on your questions and potential list of subtopics, list **possible key word combinations** you will use to conduct your search for useful information on your general topic. List a minimum of three key word combinations

(**For example**: “Michelle Obama”education, “Michelle Obama” healthcare)

1. Use the information you have found to create a preliminary three part thesis that you would like to focus on in your research essay.

(**For example**: **Sub-Topic**: Michelle Obama;

**Preliminary thesis points**: inspiration as a leader for women,

influence on fashion,

impact on wellness)

**Sub-Topic**:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Preliminary Thesis Points:**

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