**Finding Your Voice: Thesis Creator**

First, let’s list the topics we cover in class. List them all below. Try not to use your notes, just brainstorm:

Next, keep a list of your thoughts. They can be random or specific. *I can’t believe the Russians did that!* Or *wars always seem to be fought by poor people.* Or *Lincoln- Emancipation Proclamation.* Try to write “notes” rather than paragraphs. Your “notes” may be sentences, but try to “spit out” your thoughts rather than perfect them.

Next, What is Your PROMPT/TOPIC? Write it below…ALL of it…WORD FOR WORD

Prompt:

Next: Figure out how your notes relate to the prompt and, MOST IMPORTANTLY, figure out your opinion. Use the chart below:

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| --- | --- |
| Fact/Note/Lecture Item | My opinion/interpretation |
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THESIS STATEMENT (address the prompt, explain your position, outline main points):

THESIS STATEMENT! And the essay is almost written….