

Student says:

My next step was to work to come up with a research question to guide me through the rest of my research and writing process. To get myself started, I did a little research on the web to see what people were saying about a topic that is really interesting to—standardized testing, and specifically, the No Child Left Behind Act.

I then did a freewrite, which you can see here, to get my ideas down and to help me see my thinking more clearly.

I have heard my professors in college complain about standardized testing. I found some helpful information on the web, some related to the negative impact on writing and some related to drop out rates, which the act was supposed to help.

I then worked to make a short list of research questions I thought I might like to explore, which you can see here. I ended up going with the first question because I am very interested in this topic and think it would be a good issue for my audience to think about.

I am kind of excited about researching this topic and seeing where this issue takes me.