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### Write about an "ism"

Your mission is to research and write about an "ism." You can choose capitalism, communism, sexism, feminism, racism, individualism, collectivism--and more. Just be sure you choose an "ism" that interests you. Here are some other "isms" you can choose from:

Activism, heterosexism, ageism, classism, atheism, anti-Semitism, fascism, authoritarianism, theism, liberalism, materialism, egalitarianism, asceticism, colonialism, terrorism, federalism, humanism, jingoism, libertarianism, Marxism, multiculturalism, pacifism, postmodernism, progressivism, conservatism, relativism, rugged individualism,

Write the "ism" you are going to research here: \_\_\_\_\_\_

Write 100 words or more explaining why you want to research this topic.

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#### Take Notes on an "ism"

Your goal is to become an expert on your "ism." Read differing points of views and learn about how this "ism" has been understood in different cultures and different eras. As you research, strive to come to your personal understanding of what your "ism" means. How is this concept relevant to you and your culture? And most importantly, what questions does your research evoke? Take notes below.

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#### Write a Reflective Essay on an "ism"

Use the following worksheets to help structures your essay

Your **introduction paragraph** should discuss your initial ideas of your "ism." This is what you thought about your topic **before** conducting your research. Be honest. If you chose capitalism, and you didn't know much about the topic--then say that. Be specific and detailed with your writing.



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The **body of your essay** (1-3 paragraphs) should include the journey your research took you on. Which ideas about this ism caught your attention. Did anything shock you? Did your opinion on your topic change? In this paragraph, you need to explain what you learned and pinpoint which ideas intrigued you the most.


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Use the following worksheets to help structures your essay

Your **conclusion paragraph** should sum up what you learned, what you now think, and what questions you still have on your "ism."

If you researched racism, perhaps you were surprised how racism manifests itself in other countries and cultures. In fact, perhaps you have questions about racism in Europe and how European authorities are dealing with these issues. Your conclusion paragraph is the summation of your thinking, so be specific about what you learned and what you now think.

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#### Write a Reflective Essay on an "ism"

Use your introduction, body paragraphs, and conclusion to write your final reflective essay. Remember this is not a typical essay. The purpose of this task is for you to track the journey of your thinking, and for you to expand your knowledge on an abstract idea.

