**Thesis Worksheet**

Record your answers to the “Thesis Workbook” online module here. You will be asked to print it out and gather your other work to bring to your conference with your instructor.

**Type your name:**

**Section One: Defining Your Topic**

Type your topic here:

Type perspective 1 here:

Type perspective 2 here:

Type perspective 3 here:

**Section Two: Writing Your Speculative Thesis**

Type your perspective here:

Type your starting thesis here:

**Section Three: Gathering Your Evidence**

Type out your evidence here. (Remember to include page numbers!)

**Section Four: Brainstorming with Idea Clouds**

Create an idea cloud either by drawing it on your own or by using the online tool Coggle. Bring either your drawing or your printed coggle along to your conference.

**Section Five: Brainstorming with Venn Diagrams**

Create a Venn diagram either by hand (if you’ve downloaded a PDF) or by typing (if you downloaded an Excel file). Bring your filled-in diagram along to your conference.

**Section Six: Brainstorming through Free Writing**

Either type your free-write here or write it out on your own paper. If you write it out by hand, bring it with you to your conference.

**Section Seven: Complicating Your Approach**

Explain your first bit of counter-evidence here:

Type your second bit of counter-evidence here:

Type your third bit of counter-evidence here:

Can you completely rebut or dismiss the counterarguments? If not, explain here:

Do the counterarguments outweigh the original argument enough to completely replace it? If not, explain here:

Does the counterargument lead you to rethink some terms or assumptions you have made? Explain here:

How might you limit or refine your claim to account for or address the counterarguments?

**Section Eight: Refining Your Thesis**

Copy your starting/speculative thesis from Step 2 here:

Taking account of all of your brainstorming activities, type your revised thesis here:

Now, write a short paragraph of reflection on how and why your thesis has changed.

**Section Nine: Getting Ready to Draft**

Type your agenda for talking with your instructor at your conference here: