

## **CHOOSING & NARROWING A SUBJECT**

You're ready to decide what to write about. You might begin with a subject like 'the Civil War' or 'jazz.'

*But don't stop there!*

Both of these topics are **way too big** to tackle in a single term paper.



**FOCUS—**

Move your thinking from the *general* to the *specific*.

(For Example)

<p><b>Civil War</b></p> <p>↓</p> <p>The Army of Northern Virginia</p> <p>Battles Significant to the South</p> <p>The Battle of _____</p> <p>The Importance of General _____ in the Battle of _____</p>	<p><b>20<sup>th</sup> Century Jazz</b></p> <p>↓</p> <p>The Roots of Jazz</p> <p>Differences Between Jazz and Other Music</p> <p>The Art of Improvisation</p> <p>One Famous Improviser's Contribution to Jazz</p>
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## THE TRUTH ABOUT TESTS

THIS is the time that will separate  
the clever from the clueless,  
the smart cookies from the bland!  
NOW we'll find out who's who...



## HOT TIP

*Test scores don't measure self-worth.  
Test scores don't measure intelligence.  
Sometimes, test scores don't  
even measure what you know.*

*Some people are  
simply very good at  
taking tests.*

- ▶ They stay calm  
and have the ability  
to make accurate guesses.

- ▶ They don't stay  
focused quite  
long enough during  
a test and make 'stupid' mistakes of the '2+2=5' variety.

*Other people aren't such  
talented test-takers.*