The Focus Funnel Worksheet

This Focus Funnel Worksheet is based on the FINDS Research Process Model. This is the Teacher’s copy with an example for use as a guide. Each student will fill in her/his Focus Funnel Worksheet as appropriate for their project. The goal of the exercise is to develop the habit of taking large, seemingly unmanageable topics and breaking them down into more manageable and researchable parts.

Assignment*: **Create a report on An American City**  
Due Date: 1/10/08

**Broad Topic:** CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

**Topic #1:** History  
Subtopics & Notes:

Time to complete: 1/1-1/2

**Topic #2:** Geography  
Subtopics & Notes:

Time to complete: 1/3-1/4

**Topic #3:** Today  
Subtopics & Notes:

Time to complete: 1/5-1/6

***Possible Sources:
1: Google / Websites  
2: Books in Media Center  
3: Encyclopedia

Total project timeline:
10 days. 1-6 research / 7-10: write & edit.

*Focus point #1 is to Identify the information problem. **Focus point #2 is to Decide how much information is needed. ***Focus point #3 is To develop a search action plan and timeline.
*This worksheet is based on the Florida FINDS Research Model item one: FOCUS:
Identify the information problem.
Decide how much information is needed.
Develop a search action plan and timeline.