Your Research 
Question or Thesis

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- Rapid publication process that allows for the quick sharing of information
- Intended to share information to non-experts
- Informal, easy to read and understand
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