**Guided Notes -- Essential Questions Name: Kaitlyn Willoughby Period 1**

What part of the **eWISE Research Process** includes writing essential questions?

**The W in eWISE stands for wonder, which includes writing essential questions as well as asking them.**

How can you choose a topic for research?

1. **Make a list of all the ideas you can think of.**

**2. Look back at class notes.**

**3. Think about what you already know about the general topic.**

**4. Think about what you want to know about the general topic.**

What is an essential question?

**An essential question is a broad thinking question that has no right or wrong answer. They are open ended questions that lead to further questions.**

How do you write a good essential question?

**First you start with your topic and you narrow it down a little. Then, you use your narrowed down topic to write a thesis statement. Finally, you turn your thesis statement into a question.**

What are some phrases you might use when you write your essential question?

**1.How does...impact...**

**2. What if...**

**3. Should...**

**4. Why...**

In what ways do breaking an essential question down into **focus** and **information** questions help you when you begin your research? Name **at least two**.

**Breaking an essential question down into focus and information questions help you when you begin your research by knowing exactly what you need to research and help answer that essential question.**

What are **four things** you learned from the watching this video?

1. **I learned that essential questions are open ended questions that lead to new questions.**
2. **I learned what eWISE stands for.**
3. **I learned how to go from the essential questions to the focus questions to the information questions.**
4. **I learned how to change a bad essential question to a good essential question.**