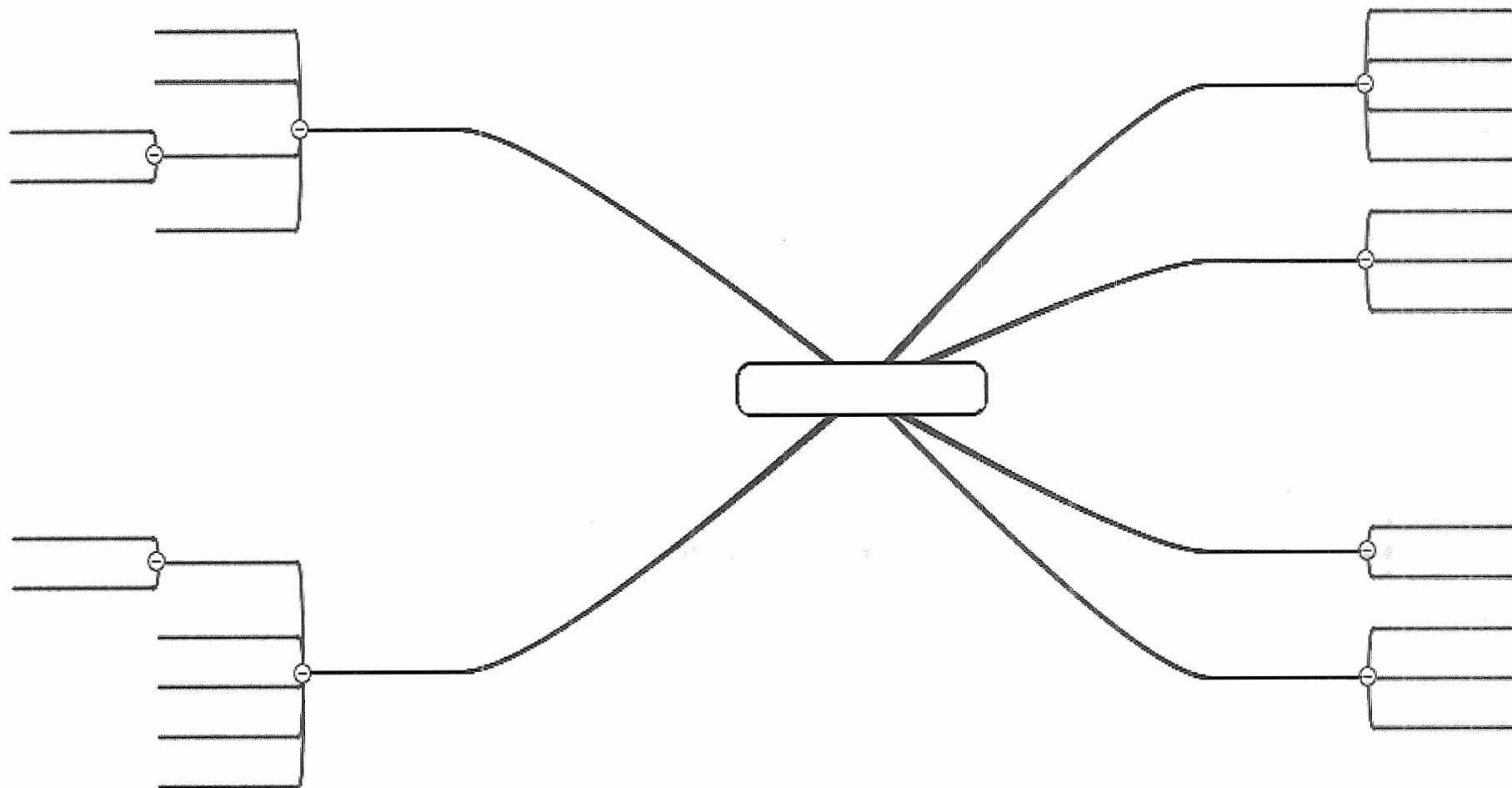


Research Question/Thesis Worksheet

1. What topic, problem, or issue are you interested in? Do some background research to find out more about it.	2. What specific part of the topic are you interested in? Break down topic and group ideas in clusters (use reverse). Pick one cluster or part of one.	3. List a few possible questions about your specific topic area. Ask: What? Who? When? Where? Why? How?
4. Choose one to be your main research question. Why or How questions are best.	5. Make your question as clear and specific as possible. Specify who, what, where, when you are talking about. Clarify any vague words.	6. State your working thesis. The working thesis should summarize the answer to your main research question, and will likely change after you do some research.



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