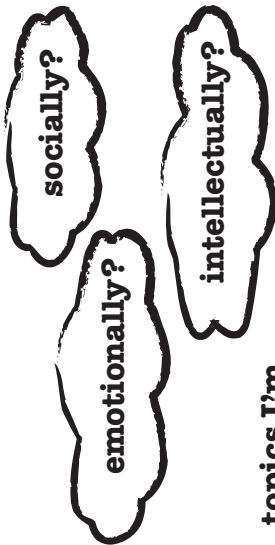


Convicted: Choosing Your Topic

What is the purpose of your writing? Is it very personal? Or is it for an audience? Does it comment? Or persuade? When choosing a topic, look for something you are passionate about and can stand behind. Then think about your topic's broader relevance. How will it speak to others? Comparing different ideas and the ways that they appeal can help you fulfill both personal and public writing goals. You can reuse this chart for multiple topics.

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1. my audience is ...

2. is meaningful to me because ...

3. is significant to society / my community because ...

4. would work best in the format of a ...*

* Think about your strengths as a writer as well as the strongest writing format for expressing or analyzing this topic.