## **Brainstorming Questions & Outline (XX% for the paper)**

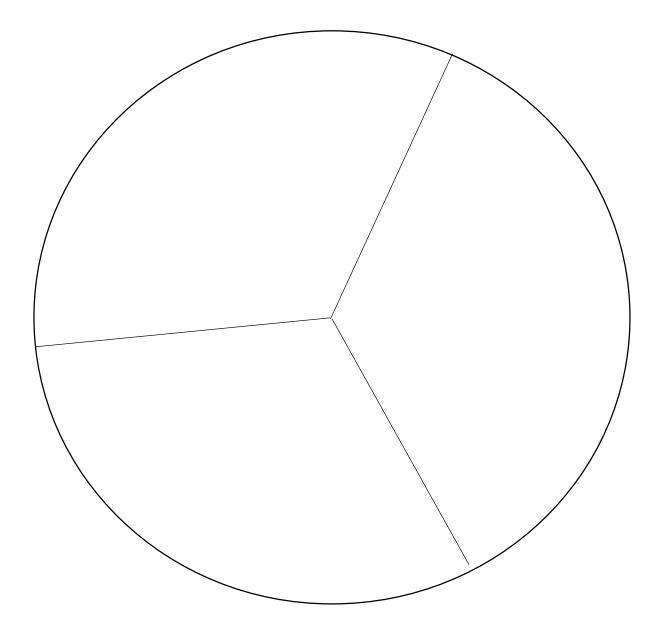
Part of writing a strong and well organized paper is planning it out ahead of time. An often neglected part of the paper writing process that comes BEFORE the outline is brainstorming. Your homework, due next class, is to brainstorm and then to prepare the thesis for your paper.

For details on the assignment, see Lea for full details.

Complete the following questions (and outline) by HAND.

Brainstorming Questions (do not think about structure, spelling and grammar here)

1. What are the key points you want to make for each part of your paper? You should organize your paper by three (or four) key themes. Then, add in details (including key concepts or terms that you will be using. Write brief details in the diagram below. It's okay if it's messy!



2. What do these three themes do together? What are they showing us about \_\_\_\_\_? Hint: This question is to help you develop your thesis statement. All three themes should prove something together. They should point out the PURPOSE of your paper. Write out what you think the shared point is in your OWN WORDS.

3. Now, write three possible thesis statements. Give yourself a maximum of one minute to write each!

Thesis 1:

Thesis 2:

Thesis 3: