Inside / Outside Research

Task: Use the visual below to help you determine what you already know about a topic and what you need to go out and research.

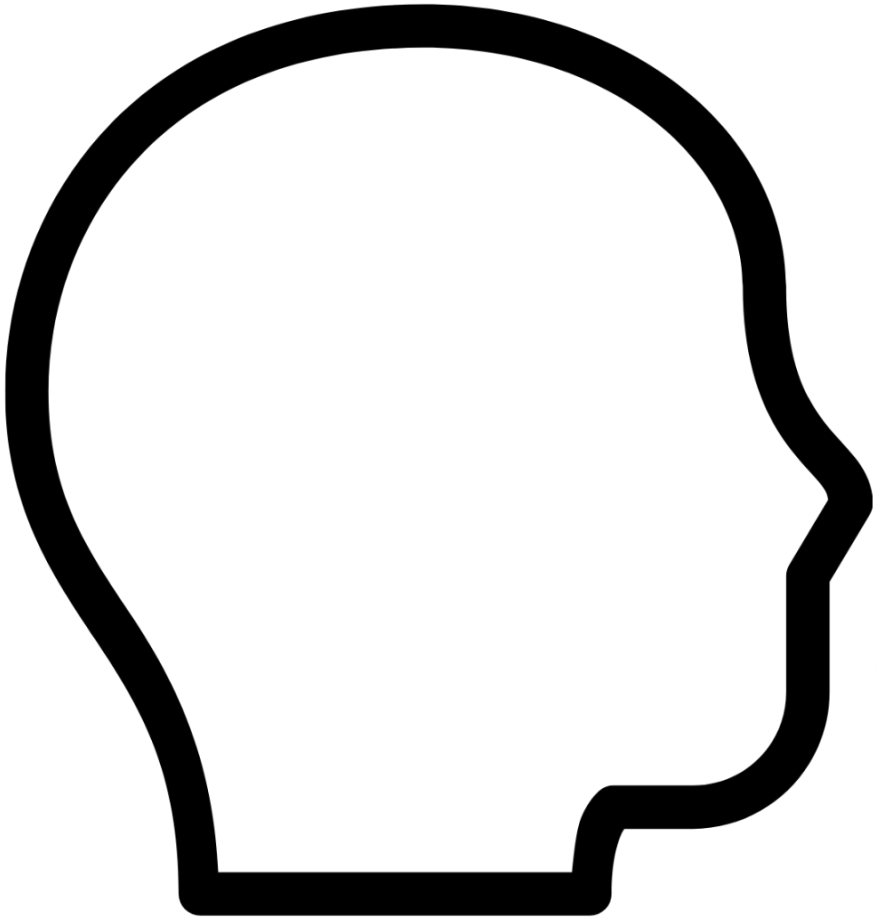
Instructions:

Use the following questions to help you contextualize your topic. If your answer to the question comes from inside your own brain, jot it down inside the "head". If your answer comes from an outside source or if you need to do some outside research to find the answer, jot it down in the space outside the "head".

Guiding Questions:

- What do I already know about this topic?
- Have I ever experienced something connected to this topic? What happened?
- What do I think or feel about this topic, and why?
- What words do I know that go with this topic? What words do I *not* know yet?
- Who is affected by this topic? Who cares about it the most?
- If someone disagreed with me, what would they probably say?
- What have I heard about this topic from family, friends, or things I've seen or read? How sure am I that it's true?
- What facts, numbers, or examples would help me explain my thinking? Where could I find them?
- What is the history of this topic? How did it get to be a question or problem people talk about?
- Who is an expert on this topic? What would I ask them?
- What am I still wondering?
- What would I need to look up to be sure my ideas are right?

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