



**RELI 383 Women and Religion: Islam  
Library workshop – Worksheet**

**Choosing a research topic**

Choosing a research topic is research.

The process is iterative, not linear. Give it time.

**Online resources to explore: p.1**

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**Online resources to explore:**

*Choosing your research topic* by Concordia University Library, YouTube video, 4min30: <https://youtu.be/HTADPeI-rSA>

*Developing Your Search Strategy* by Concordia University Library, YouTube video, 7min22, <https://youtu.be/6mLjkgkXWAc>

Picking Your Topic IS Research! [3:10 minutes] (NCSU Libraries) [https://www.lib.ncsu.edu/tutorials/picking\\_topic/](https://www.lib.ncsu.edu/tutorials/picking_topic/)

## The 5W and 1 H

What is your general topic?

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Who does it concern? What population do you want to research?

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What? What is the object, the core of your research?

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When? What time period is of interest for you and your question?

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Where? What geographical do you want to study?

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Why? What is your interest?

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How? What interaction are you investigating?

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### Example:

**General topic:** Women and Islam

**Who?** Adult women

**What?** How women clothing is being policed through religion

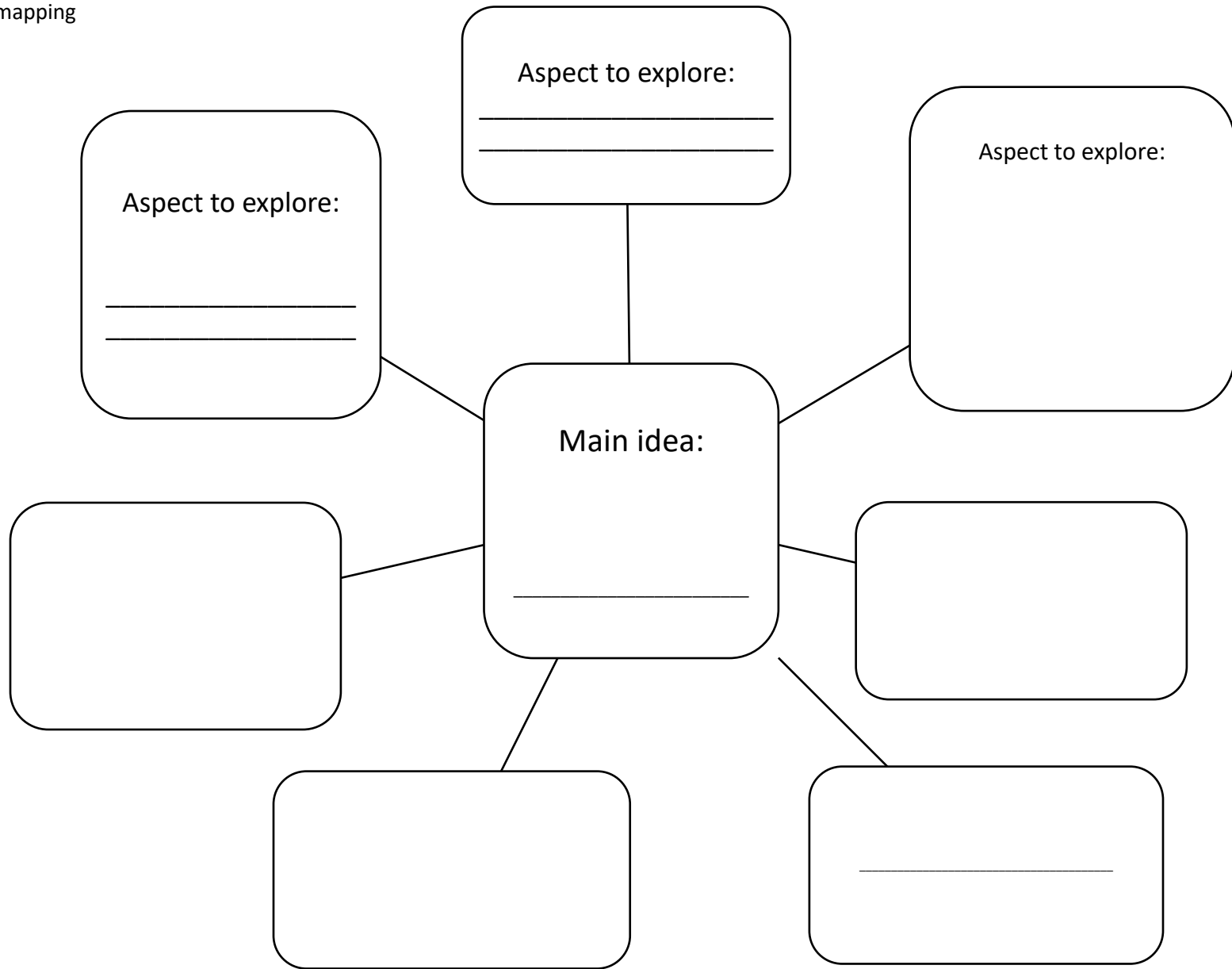
**When?** In the last decade

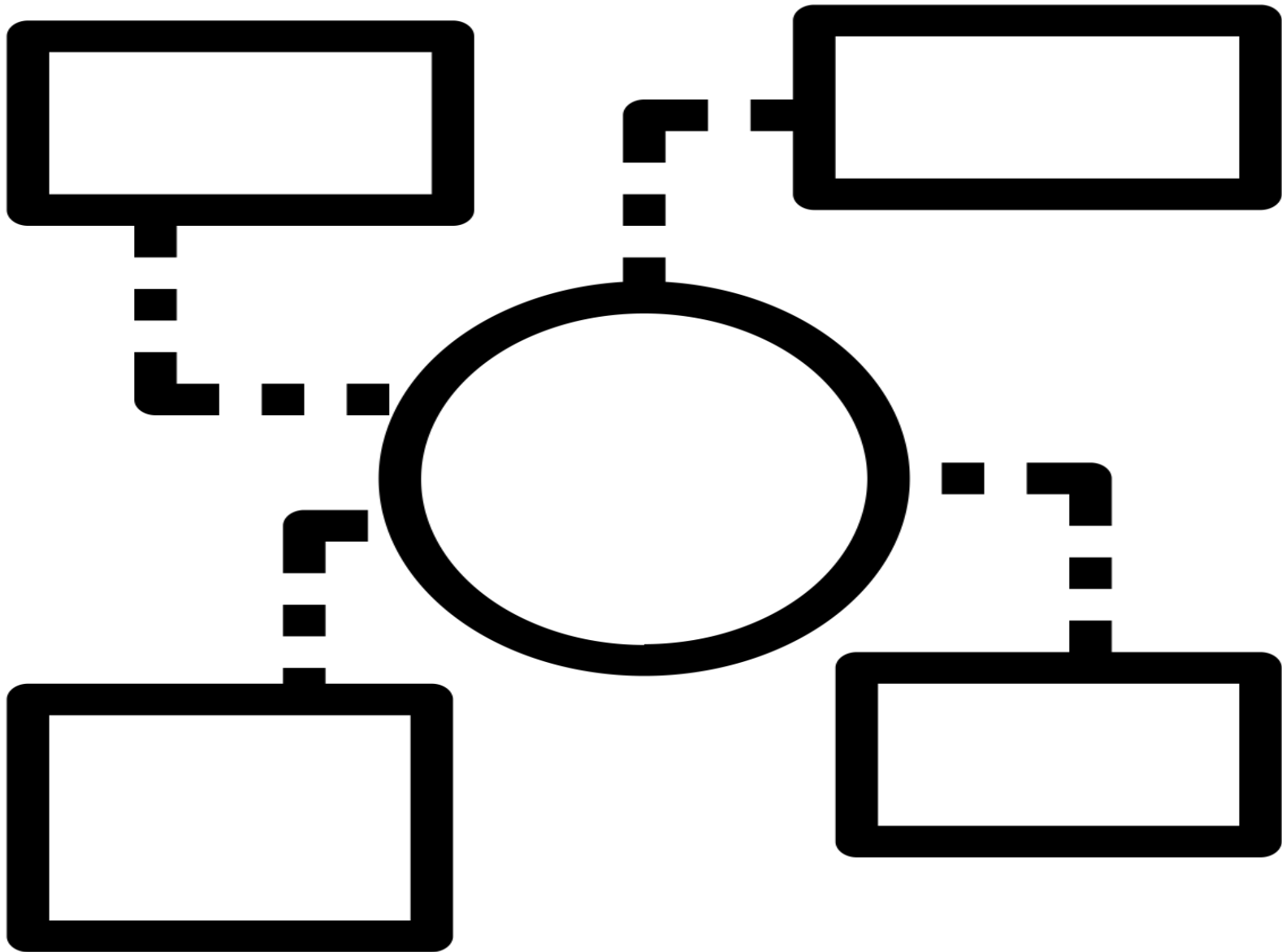
**Where?** France

**Why?** I want to find reasonings and legal impacts.

**How?** How is clothing being policed?

Mindmapping





Example :

