

Order Topics From Broadest to Narrowest

A **topic** is the subject or focus of a piece of writing. The **scope** of a topic is the range of information the topic covers. A topic with a **broader** scope is more general and covers a wide variety of information. A topic with a **narrower** scope is more specific and covers a more limited range of ideas. Consider these topics:

- types of pollution
- air pollution
- impacts of wildfires on air pollution

Types of pollution has the broadest scope. It's the most general.

Air pollution has a narrower scope. It focuses on one type of pollution.

Impacts of wildfires on air pollution has the narrowest scope. Wildfires are a specific cause of air pollution.

Directions: Read each set of topics, and order them from broadest to narrowest. Write a 1 (broadest), 2, or 3 (narrowest) on the line next to each topic.

<p>1.</p> <p>___ plays of the 16th and 17th centuries</p> <p>___ plays by William Shakespeare</p> <p>___ <i>Romeo and Juliet</i></p>	<p>2.</p> <p>___ school lunches</p> <p>___ nutritional value of public school lunches in the U.S.</p> <p>___ public school lunches in the U.S.</p>
<p>3.</p> <p>___ Anne's relationships with peers</p> <p>___ <i>Anne of Green Gables</i> characters</p> <p>___ the loyal friendship between Anne and Diana</p>	<p>4.</p> <p>___ carnivorous mammals in Sub-Saharan Africa</p> <p>___ lions' methods of hunting prey</p> <p>___ the African wildlife food web</p>
<p>5.</p> <p>___ physics of roller coasters</p> <p>___ the transfer of potential and kinetic energy throughout a roller coaster ride</p> <p>___ theme parks and their connection to science</p>	<p>6.</p> <p>___ Martin Luther King, Jr.'s meeting with Vice President Nixon</p> <p>___ Martin Luther King, Jr.</p> <p>___ civil rights movement activists</p>