Name _____ Period _____ Date _____

The DuPont Challenge
Focusing Sheet

1. What is the topic you are interested in researching?

2. Why are you interested in it?

3. Indicate the importance of your topic to science, technology, society, and the future.

4. Provide background information about your topic. If it concerns a new development, mention what was known about it before and how scientists are exploring the topic now.

5. Is your invention/discovery
    a. Something that can be used right now
    b. In development and will be here
    c. Scientists know an answer is possible, but they just haven't found it yet

    Explain

6. What are some problems that your topic can solve?

7. Who does your topic benefit and how?

8. As you have read through your articles and researched the topic, have you come across opposing views? For some of your topics, just because something can be done does not mean it should be done.

9. Express YOUR point of view and explain why you hold it—but respect the perspectives of others.

List the titles of 5 articles you have read:

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

List two non-web sources of information you will use

1.

2.