APA Topic Statement Checklist

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| **Assessment Task 1. Scoping Your Research Topic** | |
|  | **Title:[10-13 words]**   |  | | --- | | Names important variables, constructs, or theoretical issues? | | Identifies the relationship between variables or constructs? | | Makes sense standing alone? | | Population mentioned when population is important? |   **Opening paragraph**   |  | | --- | | Starts with a description of the problem area? | | What's the point? Significance of the topic - why should anyone want to read it? |   **Follow-up paragraphs [no more than 3]**     |  | | --- | | Logical transition from paragraph to paragraph | | Gaps in the literature identified? | |  | |