

# Sample Informational Brainstorming Page

Step 1: Generate focused research questions.

**Presentation Topic:** 2022–2023 Iranian Protests

## Research Questions

1. Who is involved in the 2022–2023 Iranian protests?
2. What are the protests about?
3. What are people responding to?
4. When did the protests begin, and are they going on now?
5. Where are the protests happening?
6. Are they limited to one place or more widespread?
7. How are people protesting?
8. How are governments or authorities responding?
9. What events or conditions led to the protests?
10. **Who is Mahsa Amini?**

Additional questions:

- Mahsa Amini
  - Who was she?
  - What happened to her?
  - How is she related to the protests?

Step 2: Take notes on the answers you find to your research questions.

<b>Topic: 2022–2023 Iranian Protests</b>	
<b>Research Question/ Main Idea</b>	<b>Notes (Paraphrased &amp; Cited)</b>
Who was Mahsa Amini? Why did her death cause protests?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mahsa Amini → Kurdish-Iranian, 22 yrs old</li> <li>● arrested → not wearing headscarf properly</li> <li>● police → jail</li> <li>● jail → officers tortured her (witness reports)</li> <li>● taken to hospital → died from injuries</li> <li>● death = symbol of protest</li> <li>● protests → against women control laws + police violence</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b> Herstory Now  <b>Title:</b> "Mahsa Amini: The 22-Year-Old Student Who Ignited a Global Uprising"  <b>URL:</b>  <a href="https://herstorynow.com/stories/mahsa-amini-the-22-year-old-student-who-ignited-a-global-uprising">https://herstorynow.com/stories/mahsa-amini-the-22-year-old-student-who-ignited-a-global-uprising</a></p>
How did Iranians respond?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Iran → street protests, boycotts</li> <li>● main protesters → teens + adult women</li> <li>● 100s of women → demonstrations</li> <li>● slogan → "Woman, Life, Freedom."</li> <li>● cutting hair → protest symbol</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b> Paper Magazine (Author: Sandra Song)  <b>Title:</b> "Why Iranian Women Are Cutting Their Hair, Burning Hijabs in Protest"  <b>URL:</b>  <a href="https://www.papermag.com/iran-women-mahsa-amini-protest#rebellitem5">https://www.papermag.com/iran-women-mahsa-amini-protest#rebellitem5</a></p>
How did the government respond?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● gov → internet restrictions = control communication</li> <li>● law enforcement shot protesters</li> <li>● 500+ killed</li> </ul>

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What has changed?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● gov = still in power</li> <li>● women → stop wearing headscarves (some areas)</li> <li>● arrests → headscarf → stopped/reduced</li> <li>● 20,000 protesters → pardoned/released</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b> AP Magazine (Authors: Amir Vahdat and Nasser Karimi)</p> <p><b>Title:</b> "Iran pauses the process to implement a new stricter headscarf law for women"</p> <p><b>URL:</b>  <a href="https://apnews.com/article/iran-mandatory-headscarf-hijab-law-protests-26e6015d6e47b18238f0ac4c08c4d33a">https://apnews.com/article/iran-mandatory-headscarf-hijab-law-protests-26e6015d6e47b18238f0ac4c08c4d33a</a></p>
Quotation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Masih Alinejad: "They took everything away from us...but not hope."</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b> Washington Institute</p> <p><b>Title:</b> "Woman, Life, Freedom: Iran's Mass Protests Movement, One Year On: A Conversation with Masih Alinejad"</p> <p><b>URL:</b>  <a href="https://www.washingtoninstitute.org/policy-analysis/woman-life-freedom-irans-mass-protest-movement-one-year-conversation-masih-alinejad">https://www.washingtoninstitute.org/policy-analysis/woman-life-freedom-irans-mass-protest-movement-one-year-conversation-masih-alinejad</a></p>