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Identifying the Underlying Problem (Four I's)



Directions: Discuss the most significant barriers/challenges you identified for problem topic that you discovered during your research and

#1 Select your top three barriers to the problem and write them in the space below:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

#2 Examine the top three focus areas. Use the Four I's to help you select the most promising underlying problem focus.

Impact I	Which focus area, if addressed, will make the most impact on the problem area?
Interest I	Which focus area will hold your interest the most?
Influence I	In which focus area can you have the most influence? Are you knowledgeable about this area?
Imagination I	Which focus area sparks your imagination the most so you can generate creative solutions?

#3 Write your #1 underlying problem focus area in the space below.

