

RESEARCH QUESTION WORKSHEET

<p>1. What broad topic are you interested in? You may need to do some background research to find out more about it first.</p>	
<p>2. What specific part of the topic are you interested in? Brainstorm or do a library search to identify possible sub-topics and pick one.</p>	
<p>3. List a few possible questions about your specific topic area.</p>	
<p>4. Choose one to be your main research question. Analysis (why or how) questions are best.</p>	
<p>5. Make your question as clear and specific as possible. Specify what you mean for all general words (e.g. women, media).</p>	
<p>6. Answer your question in 1 sentence. This is your <i>preliminary</i> thesis. It should change as you do your research and learn more.</p>	

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