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# RESEARCH QUESTION & THEORY WORKSHEET

	IDEA #1	IDEA #2	IDEA #3
THEORY/RESEARCH CONTEXT			
TOPIC			
MAIN RESEARCH QUESTION			
SECONDARY QUESTIONS (SUB- QUESTIONS)			
DATA NEEDED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS			
RESEARCH METHOD			
SO WHAT? (WHAT WILL THIS CONTRIBUTE?)			

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# DEVELOPING A RESEARCH QUESTION

## RESEARCH QUESTIONS

- Identify what you are going to research
- Set the direction for your entire research project
- Help you narrow, focus, and keep on track

## GENERATING A RESEARCH QUESTION

- Read & think, then brainstorm: write down as many questions as you can think of about your topic
- Pick two or three that seem strongest
- Clarify and focus the questions

## EVALUATING RESEARCH QUESTIONS

- Determine how workable/feasible your questions are:
  - What data will you need and what do you need to do to gather it?
  - What methods will you use?
  - How long will it take?
  - How much will it cost?
  - What skills/experience/knowledge are involved?
- If needed, adjust your questions to make them more workable

## PLACING WITHIN THEORY/RESEARCH CONTEXT

- Theory/research context forms a lens to view your topic through and influences every aspect of your research, including the research question, methodology
- Identify possible theories
- Create research questions for each theory
- Evaluate feasibility and choose one

## QUESTIONS?

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