

# RESEARCH QUESTION WORKSHEET

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