

Research Topic Defining & Selection With Sources

In order to begin the research, students must select a research topic and then they must develop and narrow the topic. This stage of the research is important and requires the student's thinking and decision-making, as they will deal with the topic throughout the research and writing of the paper.

Answer All of These Questions

GIVE VERY COMPLETE ANSWERS TO EACH OF THE FOLLOWING.

- Define your general research area / topic.

- What do you want to find out about your topic?

- What is your hypothesis about the subject of your topic (what you expect to find in your research)?

- What do you know about it?

- What don't you know?

- What aspects of your topic interest you: historical, sociological, psychological, etc.?
- What time period do you want to cover?
- On what geographic region do you want to focus?
- List **ALL** of your current sources of information from the databases. List them separately with titles and complete information.