

Research Proposal and Focus Questions

Directions: The following constitutes a statement of intent—what issue you wish to investigate and why you have selected this issue. Develop and refine focus questions to help you answer your central research question.

The issue (phrased as a question) I would like to research is _____

This issue interests me because _____

Possible questions I could consider when researching my issue:

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1. Evaluate your questions. Draw a line through those which are not researchable or are not relevant to your topic. Rewrite questions to make them more specific. Combine questions to avoid repetition.
2. Underline all words in your remaining questions which might help you locate information for your issue. These are the key words you will use when you begin research in the media center.