

## Refining Research Questions

Topic:

List 3-5 research questions for your topic:

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Use the checklist below to evaluate your range of questions. Do your questions as a group satisfy the following criteria?

<b>CRITERIA FOR GOOD RESEARCH QUESTIONS:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>Narrow</b> and <b>specific</b> enough to be explored thoroughly for this assignment. <i>[ex: What was the role of the French Underground during World War II?]</i>		
<b>Deep</b> enough that you will need multiple sources to answer them. <i>[ex: What is the impact of cyberbullying on society?]</i>		
<b>Complex</b> enough that they require multiple points of view. <i>[ex: How do attitudes toward gun control influence public policy?]</i>		
<b>Balanced</b> between fact and interpretation – questions require factual evidence and yet offer the opportunity for interpreting the evidence, forming opinions, and drawing conclusions. <i>[ex: Why should we care about global warming?]</i>		
<b>Structured</b> around different levels of thought (not only who, what, when, where questions, but also how, why, what caused, and what if questions). <i>[What were the circumstances surrounding the Emancipation Proclamation? How did the Emancipation Proclamation affect the country and people of the time?]</i>		
<b>Varied</b> enough to elicit the richness of the topic. <i>[ex: Questions that ask causes, effects, recommendations, solutions, points of view]</i>		

Revise your questions so that your group of questions together satisfies each of the criteria.

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