

Developing a Research Topic

Step 1

- Ponder potential areas of interest.
- Spend a good deal of time contemplating what you would like to know more about, or to understand better, or to share with others.
- Gather background information to expand knowledge of particular areas of interest.

Step 2

- Select a topic that interests you and will keep you engaged and motivated for the duration of the research.
- Develop a preliminary thesis or topic statement.
- Gather focused information to further clarify your knowledge of this topic.

Step 3

- Be prepared to reframe your thesis, question, or topic statement as you delve into the subject.
- Use the background and the focused information that you have already gathered as a springboard for your research.