

What Makes a Good Research Topic?

- When you “Think Like a Researcher” you are focused on a research *question* rather than a research *topic*.
- You must also be able to *articulate the problem* that underlies the question.
- This problem must have *social significance*.
- The solution you argue for in your proposal must be *arguable* and *feasible* based on reliable evidence.

Examples

	Topic (Broad) What is the issue or overall topic that interests you?	Research Question (Narrower) What is a specific research question you want to investigate?	Underlying Problem(s) What is the problem that makes your question worth investigating? Is this an actual problem or an assumed problem?	Social Significance Does your problem have social significance?	Proposal/Solution What is your proposal for addressing this problem? Is your proposal <u>both</u> arguable & feasible?
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