Forming a Research Question

Depending on the method you use to develop a research question, use the corresponding section of this worksheet. Find space to form research sub-questions on the other side of the handout.

PICO Method

Write down your ideas or interests for a research question.

Population?

Intervention?

Comparison?

Outcome?

Put it all together and write your research question here.

Problem Focused Method

Write down your ideas or interests for a research question.

Broad Focus/Topic?

Problem/Issue?

Population?

Outcome?

Put it all together and write your research question here.
Mind Mapping Method

Draw a mind map branching out from your broad topic in the middle.

Put it all together and write your research question here.

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Research Sub-Questions

Research sub-questions are more focused aspects of your topic that you need to address in order to answer your overall research question. (You might have more than four.)

1. ______________________________________________________

2. ______________________________________________________

3. ______________________________________________________

4. ______________________________________________________

This worksheet corresponds with the tutorial Developing a Research Question