6 Check Questions

A good research question:
- Is appropriately narrow;
- Allows for depth and exploration—not just a shallow glossing over of everything;
- Defines your topic, guides your research, and keeps you focused.

You can check if your research question is a “good” question by checking it against the following questions.

1. Is your question clearly defined and appropriately narrow?
2. Is your question a single question?
3. Is it a real question (containing no opinions or predetermined answers)?
4. Can your question be answered with data or analysis?
5. Is your question based on sound assumptions?
6. Does your question allow for different outcomes?