

Planning a research topic

Epistemological interest: Please write in complete sentences.

Why am I interested in this topic? What about it do I find confounding, intriguing, motivating?

Make an attempt to articulate this interest as a **problem** that needs to be addressed.

Research question: Please write in complete sentences.

Which question(s) will help me investigate the problem(s) I've observed? Generate as many questions as you can before selecting one question or a series of related questions.

Approach: Please write in bullet points.

How will I go about answering my research question? Which academic **sources** can I rely on? What will I use as **evidence**? Which **methodology** or **theory** will I apply in my inquiry? In what area do I need to conduct further research? What should my first step be?