

RESEARCH QUESTIONS AND YOUR PROJECT

Research questions dig deeper into understanding not just what happened, but why it happened, how it was connected to other ideas or issues, and how it changed history.

Before writing research questions, you will need to do some **pre-research**. The answers to these fact-finding questions will give you the basic information about your topic. You can't write research questions until you have done your pre-research.

Once you know the basics, you can brainstorm research questions to help you dig deeper into what happened **BEFORE, DURING, and AFTER** the main events of your topic.

This is an example of some question **starters** you might use for the different sections of your project. Take the questions and make them **specific** to your topic.

BEFORE

Pre-Research

- What events or issues were going on beforehand that influenced your topic?
- Who were the main players involved?
- What were they doing to get ready for the main events of your topic?

Research Questions

- What issues or problems were the main players involved with your topic trying to change and why?
- What inspired or sparked the main players of your topic to take action and why?
- How was this topic a continuation of larger issues, trends, or movements that came before it?

DURING

Pre-Research

- What happened?
- Where did it happen?
- When did it happen?
- Who was involved or affected?

Research Questions

- Who supported it and why?
- Who did not support it and why?
- How was this event different from or similar to other things taking place at the time, or approaches others had taken?

AFTER

Pre-Research

- What changed and what stayed the same right away after the main events of the topic?
- What were the reactions to the events? Did people/groups see it differently?
- What changed and what stayed the same in the long-term?

Research Questions

- So what? How did this topic change history?
- How was this topic a turning point in a larger issue, trend, or movement?
- How were the impacts of this topic felt differently by those involved or impacted?
- How did this topic inspire future movements, events, or changes?
- How has our understanding of the topic changed over time?

—————> **Time** <—————

Name:

Topic:

Period:

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