Research Question Development


Topic:________________________________________

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Preliminary Research Questions

1.
2.
3.

Can You Research the Question?

If you can or do have all of the following three…

1. **Time** to research the problem thoroughly enough to meet the requirements of the assignment?
2. **Resources**—for example, access to a library, computer, documents, or other necessary equipment to conduct the research?
3. **Skills** to read, write, and design experiments that pertain to your research question?
Revised Research Question

**Should You Research the Question?**

Ask yourself, “should I research the problem?” Will the research do any of the following…

1. Study the topic/question in a new way not addressed by other authors or researchers.
2. Study the topic/question in a way that makes the findings more relevant to a larger group of people or a particular situation.
3. Study the topic/question in a way that makes the findings more relevant to a smaller group of people or a particular situation.
4. Help give voice to those not heard, silenced or rejected by society.
5. Inform the reader of new ways of solving problems or performing tasks.

**Group’s Suggested Research Questions**

1.

   why?

2.

   why?

3.

   why?