**RESEARCH QUESTION / THESIS** **WORKSHEET**

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| 1. What topic, problem, or issue are you  interested in? Do some background research to find out more about it. | 2. What specific part of the topic are you  interested in? Break down the topic and group  ideas in clusters (use reverse). Pick one cluster or part of one. | 3. List a few possible questions about your  specific topic or area of inquiry. Ask: Who?  What? Where? When? Why? How? |
| 4. Choose one to be your main research  question (the basis of your inquiry). Why or  how questions are best. | 5. Make your question (your inquiry) as clear  and specific as possible. Specify who, what,  where, when you are talking about. Clarify any vague words. | 6. State your working thesis. The working thesis should summarize the answer to your main research question, and will likely change after you conduct further research. |

Track you research question

Track how your research question changes from the beginning of your journey to the final product. Write down your new research question every time it changes so you can see how your research evolves. Some might keep the same question from the start, others might change many times. Attach another sheet if you need more space, but make sure you record your question as it changes so Ms. Green can follow your research journey.

Starting Research Question:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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You may need to narrow or broaden your research question. The following spots are to record your evolving research question.

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Your current research question:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Continue to record your research question as it changes throughout the research process. Use a separate page if you need one.