Research Questions

Asking the right questions can help drive a good research process. Research questions help you explore various solutions and points of view until you settle on the answer you think fits best. This will make your paper more arguable. Remember that the narrower your topic, the easier it is to ask pointed research questions.

Brainstorm a series of questions starting with who, what, when, where, why, could, and should. Good research questions invite critical thinking, so once you’ve brainstormed, focus on those questions whose answers would yield a complex conversation rather than a simple, factual answer. Good research questions are open-ended. You can derive several keywords from them and use these keywords to get started on research using library databases.