

Focus and Frame a Research Topic

Name: _____

Class: _____ Date: _____

Directions: Use this organizer to narrow your broad topic to a researchable question and begin thinking about how to locate sources for your research.

My Broad Topic: _____

Step:	Notes:
Activate: What do you already know about this topic? List related and specific ideas.	
Narrow: What specific ideas or connections do you want to explore?	
Question: Phrase this as a how or why question.	
Check: Can this question be answered with sources that exist? How do you know?	
Frame: What keywords or search terms will help you find sources?	

My question for research is: _____

I know this is a narrow, researchable topic because: _____
