

# 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

My question for research is: \_\_\_\_\_

I know this is a narrow, researchable topic because: \_\_\_\_\_

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