Questionnaire about your research topic

The following questions are meant to help you focus on your research topic. It serves several functions: brainstorming generator and organizer, identification of what you know or don’t know about your subject, and an indirect mini proposal. The length of your answers is going to vary according to how familiar you are with the topic and how much is known about it. For instance, if you are already pretty familiar with the topic, your answers to question 2 is going to be long. Please fill this out as thoroughly as you can, for it will serve as the launchpad for the entire 6 weeks.

Enter your answers in the box below each question. Each box will expand as you type (or paste) your replies. Please use single spacing and 12 pt. font. If you use a small font size or large spacing, your submission will be marked *incomplete* and my responses delayed, which may impede your progress.

When you are done, upload it to the corresponding assignment.

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| 1 | What is a topic you might want to find out more about? |
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| 2 | What do you already know about the topic? You can use bullet points for this answer. |
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| 3 | Why are you interested about the topic? |
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| 4 | Why do you think the topic is important? (The importance can be global or local, society-wide or personal [how it adds to value to your life, etc.]) |
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| 5 | How/where did you learn what you know about this topic? |
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| 6 | What do you think the general public’s opinion on the topic is? In other words, how much does it know and care about the topic? |
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| 7 | Why might it matter to people other than you? |
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| 8 | What mysteries/unkowns still exist about the topic? |
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| 9 | What more do you want to know about the topic? |
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