

Developing a Research Question

1. Does my research question deal with a topic or issue that interests me enough to spark my own thoughts and opinions?
2. Is the scope of this research feasible? In other words, can it be done within the amount of time I have, and without conducting original research?
3. Given my answers to the above questions, do I have a research question that is both timely and relevant—in other words, a problem that has not yet been solved?
4. Given the type and scope of research, is my research question focused enough—neither too narrow nor too broad?
5. Will my research question yield an arguable thesis—that is, an argument that is debatable, assertive, reasonable and evidence based (see <https://courses.lumenlearning.com/wm-writingskillslab/chapter/argumentative-thesis-statements/> for explanations and examples)?

