# **HIS 100 Module Two Activity Template: Historical Research Question**

This activity is your last chance to choose a topic. Topic changes may be based on your research or instructor feedback. Then write a historical research question that addresses an aspect of your finalized topic. Replace the bracketed text below with your responses.

**Non-graded portion**:

* List your historical research topic here:
* Founding of Nato

**Graded portion:**

* Write a clear, relevant, and focused research question about your finalized topic.
  + What were some of the most significant diplomatic problems or issues confronting NATO members in the first decade after its founding, specifically when it came to the West German integration, and how were these obstacles managed and overcome?
* Explain how another person’s beliefs, assumptions, and values may lead that person to create a different question than you.
  + Individuals' views on NATO's founding and relevance are typically heavily influenced by their political ideas, national background, and personal values. For example, someone who believes strongly in multilateralism and collective security may question how the founding of NATO was a turning point in international relations and global peacekeeping operations. They may wonder, 'How did NATO's founding signify a change toward united defense and deterrent in international politics?' A person who values national sovereignty and is cautious of multinational alliances, on the other hand, may be interested in hearing about the sacrifices nations made to their independence by joining NATO. Their questioning could be, 'What were the effects of joining NATO on the national sovereignty of founding member states?' These perspectives demonstrate how underlying values and beliefs can influence the questions that researchers decide to investigate, expressing numerous viewpoints and concerns about the same historical event.