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# Tune Up Your Research Question



The team at the UTC Library is all about helping you find the best articles you can find. And that begins with having the right research question. The following exercise is designed to help you figure out the perfect way to frame your research.

1. Write out your research question/topic.

2. Go online and find **ANY** article about your topic that looks interesting (regardless of whether you can use it for your paper. Write the name of the article and write **three things** from the article that you think other people should know.

Article #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Interesting Thing #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Interesting Thing #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Interesting Thing #3: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Now, Google each interesting thing to find another article for each one.. Write those titles down too.

Article #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Article #3: \_\_\_\_\_

Article #4: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Finally, go back to your original research question and compare it to the three new articles you found. See if you can rewrite your research question to incorporate ideas from your new articles. Write your new research question below.

Revised research question:

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Let's think about what just happened. You just found:

- Background info on your topic
- New search terms
- The value of searching multiple times

## Topics & Ideas

Use the space below to keep track of search terms that might come in handy later.
