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EG 102 Creating a Research Question

Pick a topic Learn about it Pick something that **Answering your** interests you, that is Formulate questions about it Read magazine/journal important in your major, or research question can articles, blogs, books, significant to your current Pay attention to ideas in or watch videos about give you a good work or future career. your topic that catch your the topic. thesis! interest, that excite you, or that upset you. This will help you find where you can create questions NOTE: Research questions CANNOT be answered with a simple "yes" or "no."

Research Question Examples:*				
Broad Topic	Restricted Topic	Narrowed Topic	Research Question	
Oceans	Sharks	Declining populations	How would it affect the fishing industry off the West Coast of the US if we did not protect shark populations?	
Nutrition*	Diets	Vegetarianism	What nutritional benefits are there to vegetarianism?	
	Let's do	one together		
	Your	turn now		

Types of research questions:*

Comparison	Cause/Effect	Measuring	Process
How do the effects of the	What are the causes of the	How extensive is the	What processes are involved
problem affect different players differently?	problem or the effects? How would it change if we changed some aspect of it?	problem itself or the effects of it?	with the problem or its possible solutions?

*From Burkhardt, MacDonald, Rathemacher. (2010). Teaching information literacy. Chicago: ALA. p. 31

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Most important words/phrases from you research question:				
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For information searching, use the databases you learned about in EG 101 Academic Search Premier, CQ Researcher, Credo Reference, Opposing Viewpoints, Oxford Reference, or use appropriate subject databases. For a review of these, go to http://www.esulibinstruction.weebly.com.

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