

Partner names: _____

LOOKING at RESEARCHABLE QUESTIONS

Partners:

1. Decide whether each question below **is** or **is not** researchable.

A Researchable question is one that...

- Needs information from sources other than yourself
- Can be researched—you can find information to help you answer it
- Not **TOO BROAD** = Not so general that it would take you forever to answer it
- Not **TOO NARROW** = Not so specific that it doesn't allow you to explore your topic

2. Then, decide what **type** of research question it is—be prepared to share with the class!

YES/NO Question: The answer to the question is either YES or NO.

INCH Question: The answer is very short, and usually needs very little research.

FOOT Question: The question requires some reading through the information you find to answer the question in your own words.

YARD Question: This question requires some searching in a variety of sources, then combining the information you find, and drawing your own conclusions.

IF it is NOT researchable—how would you REVISE it? Use the space below to write a revision!

Example Research Question	Researchable?	Type of Q
Was President Abraham Lincoln assassinated?		
What games were played during the ancient Greek Olympics?		
Does McDonald's or Burger King make a better burger?		
How does Hawaii's location and climate affect its economy?		
How was the Mississippi Delta formed?		
If George Washington had not been our first president, how might our history have been different?		
What city developed the first usable subway system?		
When did Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans?		



What are the advantages of solar energy over nuclear energy?		
Why is soccer such an important sport in Mexico?		
How did the original 13 colonies become the United States?		
What effect does eating a low-fat diet have on preventing potential future health problems?		
What ways will Coca-Cola use to sell their soda in the future?		

3. Choose TWO potential research topics from your word wall or web.

For EACH TOPIC: BRAINSTORM each type of question, and write them in the spaces below.
BE PREPARED to share aloud ONE question **without telling what type of question it is!**

Topic:	
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