

Winning Research Questions

USE THIS CHECKLIST TO HONE & REFINE YOUR RQ

PERSONAL INTEREST

I am interested in this topic because _____

I hope I learn _____ by researching this topic.

Teacher approved on _____ date .

FEASIBILITY OF THE TOPIC

I found academic sources related to my question.

The question relates to the area I am writing in (ex. older than 10 years for a history paper)

Teacher approved on _____ date .

DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES

The arguments experts have on this topic are _____

The three main positions on the "answer" to my topic are: _____

METHODOLOGY TO ANSWER RQ

How will I answer this question? (ex. how do historians answer questions differently from biologists?)

What is my plan for answering this question (what ACTION will I take, ex. interviewing experts)

FOCUSING THE RQ

FINALIZING THE RQ

I have focused my research on _____ time period

After looking at sources and perspectives I need to change my rq (yes/no)

I have focused on _____ geographic area(s)

I will narrow my rq to include

Teacher approved on _____ date .

Finalized RQ approved by teacher:
