

HOW TO BRAINSTORM FOR RESEARCH TOPIC



1

Determine your area of Research

Pick a topic and continue to minimize until you have a focus point with the quantity of information required for the length of your paper. After this, you should have one or multiple options.



2

Analyze your options

Review the options available from the previous step. Do any of the topics at hand have nuances for the field? Maybe it is providing a new perspective? Your research topic should contribute and promote discussions.



3

Write a Research question (Draft)

After identifying potential topics for your research, it is time to start identifying for focus points, in other words, your research question. At this stage, you may have multiple ideas and it is important you write each one down for the next step.



4

Evaluate your options

Evaluate all your potential research questions and consider the following factors:

- Do I feel interested in the subject?
- Do I have enough resources related to the topic?
- Will the research contribute to my field?
- Is it manageable within the timeframe that was established?

Afterwards, you should be able to narrow down the potential final version of your research question.



5

Start your research

Finally, after deciding on a research question you may now begin to develop your research process. Although you may need to do a few tasks like creating a proposal before you start developing your paper, a strong research question is the key for success!



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