### Key References


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### Rubrics and Concrete Examples:

#### Guide for Developing a Research Question

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<td>Question</td>
<td>Question is not related to the topic or question is a broad topic instead of a research question. Question does not identify key concepts.</td>
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<td>Research question is focused. Question shows some understanding of issues and key concepts. Question expresses some aspects of original thought.</td>
<td>Research question is concise and scope is well defined. Question is grounded in background information. Key concepts are articulated. Question expresses a high level of independent thought and inquiry.</td>
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#### Examples

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<th>Young Library</th>
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<td>women in the Middle East</td>
<td>What are some of the issues that women face in the Middle East?</td>
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Develop your topic here

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From Pints to Barrels:

Multiple Perspectives:

Describe it: What do you know about your space? What happens there? Who would you and wouldn’t you find there? Why? What are they doing? What is the atmosphere like? What spaces are similar to yours on campus or in the area? What makes your space unique?

Trace it: How has your space changed over time? What is the history of your space? What events have influenced your space?

Connect it: What is your space related to? What is your space influenced by? What does your space influence? Who is interested in your space? How might people argue about your space? What bigger issues are you interested in that relate to your space?

Patterns and Analogies:

Organize these foods into three categories: apples, strawberries, pears, raspberries, potatoes, walnuts, peaches, blueberries, onions, bananas, carrots.

Zoom in Zoom out: Search Terms

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Your topic

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