

Research Skills: Steps in Choosing a Research Topic

Complete the following questions. Type your answers in the space provided.

Step 1: Choose a topic.

Question: What broad topic are you interested in researching?

Step 2: Identify a problem and write a problem statement:

Answer each question in the space provided.

Who is affected by my research?

Why is my research needed?

How will my project help solve this problem?

Write your problem statement here:

Step 3: Formulate Research Questions

Question: Exactly what will I try to find out?

Step 4: Create a research design.

Questions: What type of data will I use in my research?

What methods will I use to collect my data?

What methods will I use to analyze my data?

Step 5: Write a Research Proposal

Questions to think about:

What is the context of my research?

Why is my research relevant?

What is the purpose of my research?

What is my research plan?

Write a Research Proposal paragraph answering these questions. It should be at least 200 words in length.