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Research Questions

The research question is what you ANSWER as your write your paper AND becomes the backbone of your thesis statement.

**Too broad: I could answer this question only by writing an encyclopedia sized paper!**

*Example: How have teenagers been affected by increase cell phone use?*

* **Why is the above example too broad?**

**Too narrow: I could answer this question in a paragraph or with a statement.**

*Example: Do teenagers at American Fork High School prefer using android or Apple smart phones?*

* **Why is the above example too narrow?**

**Just right: I could answer this question in a 3-5 page paper using outside sources as evidence**.

*Example: How has the use of cell phones in Utah high school classrooms affected students’ overall GPAs?*

* **Why is this question “just right?”**

Directions: Today you will write at least 4 research questions ABOUT your topic. You’ll choose 1 really good question that will guide your entire paper. The question is what you ANSWER as your write your paper AND becomes the backbone of your thesis statement. Really good research questions often begin with the words “how” or “what.” All of your questions today must begin with either “what” or “how.”

Your Topic:

Research Question #1

Research Question #2

Research Question #3

Research Question #4