



## Crafting Research Questions

Topic:

Research Question first draft: *from your topic proposal assignment*

Research Question second draft: *from your wonder statements assignment*

Research Question Brainstorm:

<b>WHO:</b> <i>Who was involved? Who was affected?</i>	
<b>WHAT:</b> <i>What was the main event?</i>	
<b>WHERE:</b> <i>Where did it take place?</i>	
<b>WHEN:</b> <i>When did it happen? How long of a time period was it?</i>	
<b>WHY:</b> <i>Why did it happen? What caused it?</i>	
<b>WHY:</b> <i>Why is it important? What were the outcomes? Why do we care today?</i>	

Research Question final draft: *it MUST be clear, specific, and arguable*

*Helpful Language: Cause, Effect, Compare, Impact, Change, Influence Challenge*

<b>Research Question Sentence Ideas</b>	<b>Questions to Ask of the Past</b>
<b>WHO</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>... benefited from this?... was harmed by this?</li> <li>... made the decisions about this?</li> <li>... was most directly affected?</li> <li>... reported about this at the time?</li> <li>... 's perspective does the narrative represent?</li> <li>... 's voice was not heard from about this?</li> </ul>
<b>WHAT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>... were the causes and consequences of this?</li> <li>... were the conditions at the time?</li> <li>... were the obstacles to this?</li> <li>... was another alternative explanation? ... were arguments for and against this?</li> <li>... was most significant about this?</li> <li>... judgements are stated/implied in the narrative?</li> <li>... language is used to describe this?</li> <li>... is left out of the narrative?</li> <li>... assumptions are embedded in the narrative?</li> </ul>
<b>WHERE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>... did this take place?</li> <li>... were similar situations or events?</li> <li>... can we find more information/corroboration?</li> <li>... was this narrative about it developed?</li> </ul>
<b>WHY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>... was this important?</li> <li>... is this relevant to us today?</li> <li>... was it described in this way?</li> <li>... was this allowed to happen?</li> <li>... is there a need to re-examine this today?</li> </ul>
<b>HOW</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>... did this impact history at the time?</li> <li>... is this period of time labeled? ... might other people label this period of time?</li> <li>... did this harm different people? ... did this help people?</li> <li>... do we know about this?</li> <li>... does this affect us now?</li> <li>... can we learn from this?</li> <li>... can we rectify or address injustices from this?</li> </ul>

