

Problem Definition Template

Your name:

Directions: Using the guidance provided in *The Craft of Research* Chapters 3 and 4*, complete whichever one of the problem statement templates below best fits your chosen research design for Performance Task 2.

1. **Applied Research Problem** (has practical consequences; often seeks to solve a problem in the real world with a practical consequence)

Topic: I am studying _____

Research Question: because I want to find out what/why/how _____

Potential Practical Significance: in order to help my reader understand what should be done about _____

OR

2. **Academic or “Pure” Research Problem** (helps the reader better understand a conceptual problem)

Topic: I am studying _____

Research Question: because I want to find out what/why/how _____

Conceptual Significance: in order to help my reader understand _____

Potential Practical Significance: so that readers might _____

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