

Question Development Activity

Instructions: Create a draft of a research question. Keep in mind that the question must be open to investigation through several lenses/disciplines but not so broad that you could not reasonably address the issue within 1200 words. You will need to complete all of the steps of the process and submit one copy as a group by the end of class on Thursday, 12/22. (See “Examining Your Question” handout for more support)

Step One: Identify a specific issue or topic of interest to the entire group.

Step Two: Identify Lenses/Disciplines that could be investigated within your subject area.

Step Three: Draft a version of your question.

Step Four: Answer all of the following questions based upon your first version of your question.

Question 1: Does your question have a simple yes/no answer? If so how could you improve the question?

Question 2: Do you believe your question could lead to multiple conclusions or solutions, if so what solutions could be presented?

Question 3: After examining your question, what flaws need to be addressed in your next draft of the question?

Question 4: What problems do you anticipate in regards to researching your chosen topic?

Step Five: Draft a version of your question.