Class 5

Improving your research question!

**Exercise 1.** Make a list of all the questions that you can imagine asking about your topic!

1. Start by asking how your topic fits into larger contexts (p.35)

2. Next, ask questions about the parts of your topic (p.36)

3. Next, set your imagination loose with speculative questions. (p.36)

4. Finally, turn positive questions into negative ones. (p.37)

**Exercise 2.** Evaluate your questions

Avoid the following questions.

1. You can answer the question too easily.

2. No one could plausibly *disprove* the answer, because it seems self-evident.

3. You can’t find factual evidence to support the answer.

4. You would find so many sources that you cannot look at most of them.