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Focusing questions

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Focusing your Research (A)							
Intriguing questions about my topic	Can this question be answered by research?		Will this question lead to an interesting project?			Can you improve on your initial question to make it answerable and more interesting?	Which question will you focus your project on?
	Is this a topic someone would have written about?	Will there be facts as well as opinions about this topic?	Does it go beyond a yes/no question?	Is it complex enough to require information beyond a few simple facts to answer it?	Does it lead to multiple points of view?		
Question 1							<input type="checkbox"/>
Question 2							<input type="checkbox"/>
Question 3							<input type="checkbox"/>

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Focusing your Research (B)					
Criteria for good research questions. Do your questions satisfy them?	Possible research questions for your topic				
	Question 1	Question 2	Question 3	Question 4	Question 5
Narrow and specific enough to be explored thoroughly for this project?					
Deep enough that they require multiple sources to answer them?					
Balanced between fact and interpretation – questions require factual evidence and yet offer the opportunity for interpreting the evidence, forming opinions and drawing conclusions.					
Structured around different levels of thought (not only who, what, when, where questions, but also how, why, what caused and what if questions)					
Varied enough to elicit the richness of the topic.					
Revised research questions?					

