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Research Questions Brainstorming Guide

The hardest part of brainstorming research questions is often just getting *something* down on paper. This worksheet will take you through several approaches to begin to put down ideas. Be sure to review the Research Questions 101 presentation and handout before jumping in, and use the same handout to double-check the strength of your questions at the end!

Think you're done? Try adding more specifics to your questions - people, timeframes, locations, or ideas.

I have an idea!	Fill in the blank
More than just dates and names, what are three things you want to learn more about your topic?	Based on the Craft of Research , fill in the blanks with your own answers, then turn them into questions.
1.	I am learning about/working on/studying...
2.	Because I want to find out who/how/why...
3.	In order to understand...

Historical Concept Connections

Use the question steps and fill in the blanks with your own topic. Try to brainstorm at least one question related to each of the following historical concepts.

Cause and Effect

- How did ____ lead to ____?
- How did ____ change ____?
- Who supported _____ and why?
- Who did not support ____ and why?

Significance in History

- How was this topic a turning point in a larger issue, trend, or movement?
- How did this topic inspire future events, or changes?

Connection to Historical Context

- What inspired or sparked the main players to take action and why?

Connection to NHD Annual Theme

- How does my topic connect to the NHD Annual Theme?