

# **From Saving the World to Conducting Research**

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## Topic Selection

- Topic selection is the most important start to any research!
- The researcher should focus on picking a topic that is **current and relevant to society and can be argued logically.**
- Start by writing down broad topic areas of interest.
  - Self-regulation, self-efficacy, grit, etc.





## Identification of a Problem

- Why does your topic matter?**
- Read widely to build background knowledge and begin narrowing down your ideas.**
- The amount of time you have to complete the research?**
- How difficult will it be to access sources and data on the topic.**

# Who, What, Where, When, Why, How?

Using your list of ideas, try to describe Who, What, Where, When, How, and Why about your topic to determine specifics.

Do any of these topics sound interesting?

Would you be interested in researching them for your assignment?

Who	Juvenile, pre-adolescent, adolescent, teenage
What	Twitter, Instagram, Facebook
Where	Online, in daily life, at school
When	Early life, childhood, puberty, young adulthood
How	Social, emotional, physical, behavioral
Why	Causes, effects



# Research Questions



What effect does social media have on your mind?

Or

What effect does daily use of Twitter have on the attention span of 12-16 year-olds?

Does the US or the UK have a better healthcare system?

Or

How do the US and the UK compare in health outcomes among low-income people with chronic illnesses?

What should political parties do about low voter turnout in the region?

Or

What are the most effective communication strategies for increasing voter turnout among those under 30 living within city limits?



## **Open Discussion on Topics**