

The Research Sketch: Focusing and narrowing your research topic

Your name:

Your email:

Your instructor's name:

Complete the following questions in complete sentences, where possible. This will help you to focus and narrow your research topic.

My **specific** topic is:

My research question or working thesis is (provide complete sentences):

The focused aspects of the topic I plan to analyze include:

I have tried the following sources and used the following keywords in my search:

These are my specific questions for the librarian:

These are the obstacles I think I might encounter in my research:

These are the solutions I plan to try to overcome these obstacles:

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