

The Craft of Research: Chapters 3-6

Write at least 2 brief responses to each of the following questions:

Chapter 3: From Topics to Questions

1. What are some of the questions/concerns/fears that you are concerned about as you begin to name your topic? Share these concerns with your two mentors. Ask them for help. (p. 33-34)
2. What have been your research interests regarding your two disciplines? Make a list of as many interests as you can think of. Share these research interests with your mentors. (p. 34)
3. What are the common themes in your list of interests? Begin to narrow your interests to one that you are captivated by that will become the topic of this paper. (p. 37-38)
4. Once you have narrowed in on a topic, list as many questions as you can about this topic. (p. 39-43)
5. What is the one most significant question? (p. 43-46)

Chapter 4: From Questions to a Problem

6. How is the research you are doing considered “applied research.” (p. 49-56)
7. How is your research connected to practical consequences? (p. 58-60)
8. As you have begun to research your topic, what problems under your topic do you want to address? (p. 60-63)

Chapter 5: From Problems to Sources

9. Considering your topic, what are primary sources? Secondary sources? (p. 65-67)
10. Plan your library search. Ask the librarians for help. Ask your mentors for suggestions. (no need to write this out)
11. List 3 solid sources you’ve found. (p. 67-83)

Chapter 6: Engaging Sources

12. Ask your mentors for information about what writing format (APA, MLA, Turabian, Chicago) they require. This will impact how you record your resources and how you will cite and annotate your resources.