

5. In one sentence, explain what you think your research paper is about.

6. Do a google search on your topic. Try to be as specific as possible. (Use the above sentence?) What do you find? List sources and potential topics raised by each.

7. Identify books on your topic that the library (RHS or Rutland Free Library) may have. List the names and call numbers here.

8. After reading your textbook, skimming books and reading websites, write 2 potential research questions that might become the focus of your research paper.
 - a. A good research question is a higher level question which answers “why” question. It may explore the causes or effects of something. It is open-ended enough to allow for sufficient in depth discussion, but not too open since you may not be able to sufficiently research it. It should be disputable and provable. In other words, reasonable people may have different opinions, but you think the evidence supports one viewpoint.