



NARROWING YOUR TOPIC

STEPS FOR SUCCESS

- 1 Is your topic more than 20 years old?**
- 2 Identify a Time Span**
Choose a specific time period. For example: WWII, Colonization, Cold War
- 3 Identify Your Interest**
Are you interested in technology, strategy, medicine, innovation, environment?
- 4 Identify a Location**
Focus on one geographic area.
- 5 How are People Affected?**
Legal, political, economic, cultural, social aspects of your topic.
- 6 Identify an Event, Action, or Choice**
For example, a battle, march, speech, law, strike, or natural disaster.
- 7 What is the cause and effect of your topic?**
What was the impact of your topic?
- 8 Focused Research Question**
Start your question with “how” and be sure to use the theme words.

Your Narrowed Topic:

Your Research Question: