



ELA Virtual Learning

6th Grade ELA

Narrowing the Search

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Objectives/Learning Targets:

Students will:

- focus on how to find information on a topic (key words, narrowing search).
- write responses using complete sentences with standard spelling, punctuation, and grammar.



Warm-up

Click on the link [HERE](#) or the picture on the right to learn about narrowing research topics.





Warm-up Answers

On a blank piece of paper, write down three topics you would like to know more about.

Sample Proficient Answer: *(Answers may vary)*

Superheroes

Animals

Global Warming

Learn

In order to come up with the correct research questions, we need to determine what our topic is.

1. Time
2. Location
3. Issue
4. Category



Let's start with time period. Do we want to focus on a historical age? Do we want to focus on the age we were when we first went through an event? What specific time frame are we wanting to focus on?

-For example, if we chose the topic "Cars" would we want to focus on older cars? Maybe cars of the future? The first cars ever made?

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Let's move on to location. Where do we want to focus on? Are we focusing on a country/region/area?

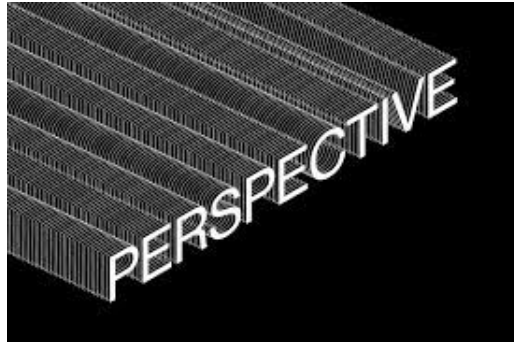
Do we want to think about American cars?
Maybe cars that were made in Italy?

-Think about where you want to research the topic of cars?

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Let's move on to issue. What point of view are we focused on? What perspective do we want to focus on with our topic? We can focus on our topic from the perspective of people who only buy Ford cars or only people who are buying their first car.

-For example, if we are focused on cars, do we want to focus on cars that are only environmentally friendly?

Learn continued

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A category refers to a topic with similar characteristics. We want to decide what specific place our topic is placed in. A category could be a group of alike things. This is something that we would put this object into.

-For example, for our topic of cars, we could say that we are choosing muscle cars. Or maybe we are focused on Ford cars.

Practice

Choose one of the topics below:

1. Superheroes
2. Animals
3. Global Warming



Practice narrowing down the topic you chose using the 4-Step process you just learned about.

Questions to Ask

1. Time
2. Location
3. Issue
4. Category



Practice Answer Key

Sample Proficient Answer: (*Answers may vary*)

Topic: Superheroes

1. Past or Future? *Past*
2. American or World? *American*
3. Female v Male? *Female*
4. Born with powers or developed through time? *Developed through time*

Research Topic: Captain Marvel

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Additional Resources

[Review on Narrowing Topics](#)

Click on the above link to watch a video and answer the quiz questions to see what you know about figuring out *your* topic.