



## NARROWING A TOPIC & CREATING A SEARCH STRATEGY

You are writing a paper for class on a given topic. Narrow this topic into a workable research question by using concepts related to the given topic in three of the following lines of inquiry:

**Who:**

**When:**

**What:**

**How:**

**Where:**

**Why:**

NOW FROM THE THREE LINES OF INQUIRY YOU INCLUDED, CREATE A RESEARCH QUESTION.

Ex: What changes in morbidity and mortality (what) have come about due to handwashing protocols (why) following WWII (when)?

EVALUATE YOUR QUESTION. DOES IT FALL INTO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES?

- **The question that isn't really there.**

What is the relationship between handwashing and the fall of Rome?

- **The fuzzy question.**

Why was Michael Jordan so good?

- **The overly ambitious question.**

What were the major causes of the entries into WWII by the U.S, Germany, France, Britain and Italy and how did this affect the healthcare systems that each country has in place today?

- **The open ended question.**

What are the implications of Pres. Obama's visits to Europe?



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