

## Research Proposal Worksheet<sup>1</sup>

### Research Question

What is your research question?

Q:

What are the Key Definitions in your research question? This is not simply the dictionary definition, but the definition of the key words in the context of your research. Consider its connotations.

- i. -
- ii. -
- iii. -
- iv. -
- v. -

### Possible Answers & Secondary Questions

What are three possible answers to your research question? Your answers should be realistic, logically related, clear, and expressed in full sentences.

Following each answer, list all secondary questions that need to be answered in order to make judgments about the strength and likelihood of the possible answers to your research question.

- 1. -
  - a. -
  - b. -
- 2. -
  - a. -
  - b. -
- 3. -
  - a. -
  - b. -

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<sup>1</sup> This document was developed using Justice, C., Rice, J., Warry, W., Inglis, S., Miller, S., & Sammon, S. (2006). Inquiry in Higher Education: Reflections and Directions on Course Design and Teaching Methods. *Innovation Higher Education*, 31, 201-14.

**Annotated Bibliography**

Cite all your sources and in 1-2 paragraphs establish the relevance of the source to the research question. You should have discovered some preliminary sources during the time period when you were searching for a subject. Use the works cited section in those documents to find more sources. Also, [speak to a librarian](#). Tell them about your topic and research question and ask for some introductory readings. You can also use [Google Scholar](#) to search for sources.