

Research Question Template

Use the question formats below to help turn your research topic into a focused research question.
Try multiple formats and choose the one that best fits what you want to investigate.

Question Formats

Cause and Effect

How does **[factor]** affect **[outcome]**?

How does _____ affect _____?

Relationship

What is the relationship between **[factor]** and **[outcome]**?

What is the relationship between _____ and _____?

Change Over Time

How has **[economic factor]** changed in **[location]** from **[time period]** to **[time period]**?

How has _____ changed in _____ from _____ to _____?

Comparison

How does **[factor]** differ between **[group/location A]** and **[group/location B]**?

How does _____ differ between _____ and _____?

Influence

To what extent does **[factor]** influence **[outcome]**?

To what extent does _____ influence _____?

After trying the formats above, write the question you plan to investigate:
