

Critical Inquiry

Step 1: Identifying A Broad Topic

What is one broad topic and also one claim/argument of the text?

Step 2: Focusing A Broad Topic into a Critical Line of Inquiry

focus your own research topic. Record your work in the chart below.

**What more do
you want
to know?**



**What do you
already know?**



**What have
you discussed
in class?**



**What themes
from the reading
do you find
interesting?**



Step 3: State your search strategy using your ideas from Steps 1 and 2, in order to formulate a clear research purpose.

I am researching _____ (broad topic) because I want to
find out _____ (issue/question) in order to
_____. (application - so what?).