

# Unit 2: Research Methods

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Journal 9/21/18

In your opinion, what makes something worth researching?

Explain and provide reasoning for why it matters

# Journal 9/25/18

What is a social topic that you would be interested in researching?

Why does it interest you? What do you want to know?

Are there any benefits that could come from the topic being researched?

# Journal 9/27/18

Fill out the card on your desk by:

1. Writing your name
2. Rank your top 5 research topics. (1 being your top choice)

Example

1. Crime
2. Modern Segregation
3. Religion
4. Music / Behavior
5. Video Games

# Journal 10/15/18

To you, what are positive aspects about coming back to school after a break? Explain

If you never came back to school after break ever again, how do you think your life would be in 10 years? Explain

Journal 10/17/18

Why are you interested in your research topic/question?

What do you personally want to gain from this experience of doing academic research? (not a grade)

Journal 10/19/18

What is something you HAVE TO research to understand more before making a hypothesis for your project?

Explain why it is essential

Journal 10/23/18

To you, what makes information (that you have no background in) trustworthy?

Explain

Journal 10/25/18

What is the most interesting thing you have found out through your research so far?

Explain

Journal 10/29/18

Based on what you have researched so far, what do you think is a possible answer to your research question?

Explain your reasoning

Journal 11/6/18

Ideally, how would you get the data to answer your research project question? Explain.

Is this possible for you to achieve? Why or why not?

# Journal 11/8/18

- Why would you use a longitudinal study over a cross-sectional or retrospective? Explain
- What is an example of a potential longitudinal study that would not work as cross sectional or retrospective study?

Journal 11/13/18

**If you are using a survey:**

who will participate in your survey? Why did you decide on that? Explain

**If you are not using a survey:**

Where will you look for information? Why did you decide on that? Explain

# Journal 11/30/18

- What challenges have you faced so far with you data collection?
- What could you have done differently?

# Journal 12/5/18

- What trends have you noticed (anecdotally) as you have been collecting data?
- Do you think there is any relevance to that trend?