**Describing**

Write down your **broad** **topic** here.

*Example:* Pitbulls, Bullying, Heroin Addiction, Food deserts, Gender discrimination

What do you already know about your topic?

**Who**

Who is most affected by this issue? Are you interested in a particular age group, social class, or ethnicity? Thinking about this will help you NARROW your topic and generate a research question.

**Associating**

What other topic/thing/questions does your topic make you think of?

**Problems**

What issues or problems are associated with your topic?

**Contextualizing**

*Consider the following questions and write down your answers to limit your search*

*Time*: What period in time are you interested in? Will you do historical research or look only at current information?

*Place*: Where in the world do you want to focus your research?

**Formulating**

Send via Canvas **three** potential research questions. The more organic and specific the question, the better!

Examples:   
Are pit bulls genetically more aggressive than other types of dogs?   
What are the effects of teenage bullying on an adult’s self-esteem?

Why is fresh food a luxury in poor communities?  
Do the toys kids play with promote gender discrimination?