RESEARCH QUESTION WORKSHEET

Step 1. Pick a topic and explore it with a concept map

Step 2. Narrow your topic. Select a section of your concept map on which to focus

Step 3. Ask Questions. List out any of the possible questions that you have about this particular sub-topic. Create as many questions as possible

Step 4. Choose a Question to work with. Select the question that you wish to work with. What are the merits of this question? What will have the most impact (to you or others)?

Step 5. Focus the question. Your question should
- Address only one issue
- Require analysis
- Be specific and focused
- Not contain vague words

Step 6. Write your research question.
To develop a good search strategy, your research topic or question should be condensed into a single succinct sentence, not too broad or too narrow.