**The 5Ws + How:**

**Heritage Fair Research Planner**

Now that you have explored how to create questions to direct research for a research topic, take a few minutes to generate questions for your Heritage Fair topic. ***Remember****: Think on the example questions you have just seen. You are not answering the questions below, but creating your own questions for each of the 5Ws.*

**Step 1: Choose a Topic**

*(Example: The Halifax Explosion, The Underground Railroad, Canadian Inventions, etc.)*

**My topic is:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Step 2: Brainstorm the 5Ws**

* **Who** is important in this topic? *(Think about people, groups, or communities.)*

* **What** important events, ideas, or facts are part of this topic? *(Think about something that happened or was discovered.)*

* **When** did this happen? *(Think about a time or a period in history.)*

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* **Where** did this take place? *(Think about a country, city, or important location.)*

* **Why** is this topic important to learn about? *(Think about why your topic matters to people today.)*

* **How** did it happen, or how did it make a difference?

**Step 3: Write a Focus Question**

Use your 5Ws to help create a good research question.  
(Example: "Why are dinosaur fossils found in Alberta’s Badlands?")

**My Focus Question is:**

***Tip***

*If you can answer your Focus Question by using your research, you are ready to begin!*

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