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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.)*

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

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- **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!