

# From A Topic to a Question

Once you've decided on a history topic that interests you, it's time to break the topic down into potential research questions. Use this guide to help guide you in that process.

What is the topic you've chosen?

*Ex. My topic is the beginning of space travel*

Read at least 3 websites, articles, or chapters in a book about this topic. You don't have to dive deep yet, but read enough to get curious!

What are three aspects of the topic that you are curious to know more about?

*Ex. I am curious about the who founded NASA, NASA's funding, and public interest and excitement about space*

Narrow down your research to focus on the 3 aspects you identified above and find at least 2 different sources (websites, articles, videos, or chapters) to use to learn more.

For each of the aspects you chose, identify one big question you have. Whenever possible these should be "how" questions or "why" questions, not "who" or "what." Choosing how or why questions ensures you are researching something that cannot be answered with a simple google search.

*Ex. How did the National Advisory Committee on Aeronautics become the NASA we know today?  
Why does NASA use a public/private funding model?  
How did the US government use media to drum up so much interest in space travel?*