

How to find a research issue that can produce a successful academic paper?

Please try these suggestions step by step:

1. What are you really interested in writing? Often times, it is research that is related to your major field of study. Please select an issue that attractive to you. It might be that you already have some information about this topic or you might just want to know more about it.
2. Reflect on your own experiences about what you have learned, what you believe in, and what you think you might be the best at writing an English academic paper. Why? Because so much has been written and available on the Internet, therefore your research should be as unique as possible (this also helps you to avoid plagiarism!).
3. What relevant articles have you read recently about this issue that you agreed with, somewhat agreed with, and/or disagreed with?
4. What social, socio-political, political, scientific, or environmental problem in the world you believe needs solving, resolving, or at least getting better sooner than later?
5. Then select a question about an issue that interests you, then look for articles that explain the most probable and/or possible solution(s) to resolve the question you ask.
6. Chose an issue and write it on the line in the cloud figure below. Then, let's narrow the focus down to a writable paper by concentrating on a finer aspect of the broader issue itself. What part of the issue will you write about? Ask specific questions about your issue and write them down below the words **who, what, where, when, why, and how?** Then choose the best narrowed-down answers that seem the most interesting to you using figure 1 below:

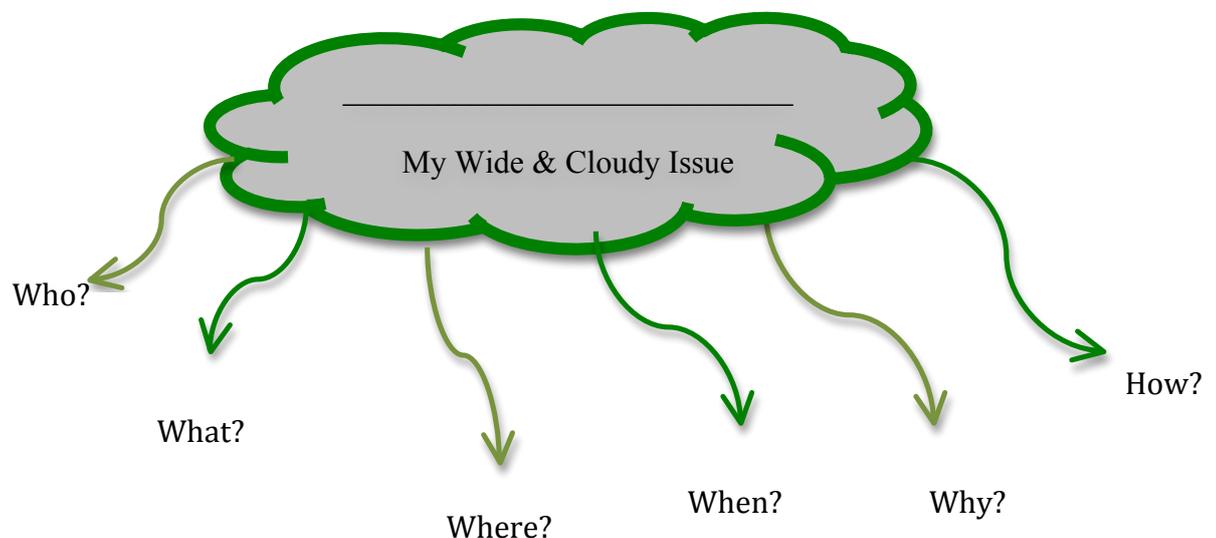


Figure 1: My former wide and cloudy issue to one of six nice and narrow research questions machine