

GUIDELINES IN CHOOSING A RESEARCH TOPIC

1. Interest in the subject matter.

- Your interest in a topic may be caused by your rich background knowledge about it and by its novelty. Your real interest in a subject pushes you to research, investigate or inquire about it with full motivation, enthusiasm and energy.

2. Availability of information.

- Include your investigation of the availability of reading materials are questions on how updated and authoritative the materials are. Let these questions linger as you tour the library. What are the copyright dates of the materials? How old or new are they? How expert or qualified the writers are in coming out with such kind of reading materials about your topic?

3. Timeliness and relevance of the topic.

- The topic is relevant if it yields results that are instrumental in societal improvement. It is timely if it is related to the present.

4. Limitations on the subject.

- This makes you link your choosing with the requirements. For example, your teacher instructs you to submit a paper that related in business, education and so on. You have no freedom to choose your topic based on your interest, but has to decide on one topic to finish your course.

5. Personal resources

- Before sticking fully your final choice, assess your research abilities in terms of your financial standing, health condition, mental capacity, needed facilities and time allotment to enable you to complete your research.

RESEARCH TOPIC TO AVOIDED

1. Controversial topics

- These are topics that depend greatly on the writer's opinion, which may tend to be biased or prejudicial. Facts cannot support topics like these.

2. Highly technical subject.

- For beginner, researching on topics that require an advanced study, technical knowledge and vast experience in a very difficult task.

3. Hard to investigate subjects.