

Learning Activity

From Research Idea to Research Question and Thesis Statement

Exercise N° 1: Self-Reflection – Identifying Your Research Interests

Each student should identify one or two **academic, literary, cultural, or historical interests** that could potentially be developed into a Master's dissertation topic.

- What area of Civilization and Literature interests you most?
- Which authors, texts, periods, themes, or cultural issues would you like to explore?
- What makes this area interesting or relevant to you?
- What specific aspect of this broad interest could you investigate?

Exercise N° 2: From Research Idea to Research Question

Please answer the following questions:

- What is the difference between a **research topic**, a **research problem**, and a **research question**?
- How can a broad research idea be narrowed into a **focused and manageable topic**?
- What makes a research question **clear, focused, relevant, and researchable**?
- Choose one broad research interest and narrow it into a specific research topic.
- Formulate a **preliminary research question** based on your selected topic.