Research Question and Reflection

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(This assignment is DUE at the end of the class).

We have arrived at a crucial moment in the semester and in everyone’s individual inquiry process. By now, you should have a good idea about what you want to research and what you are very curious about.

Also, you should have done some preliminary research AND reading about an issue you have identified as important. You should also have a written research/what-I’m-curious about question. Please write your question below (make sure you edit so that it is as error-free as possible to better convey your idea).

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**Now, revise your existing research question with your group in order to get feedback. As a group, use these criteria to refine/revise your research questions:**

1. The question accurately reflects the issue about which you want to learn.

2. The question is neither too broad nor too narrow considering the time you have for research. Be ambitious, but not too ambitious!

3. Key terms and phrases in the question reflect the language used by other researchers inquiring into the same issue(s). In other words, your question clearly participates in the existing conversation (perhaps the existing scholarly conversation depending on your issue). Remember Discourse Community!

4. The question is effectively edited and free of confusing errors and/or punctuation.

**Write your REVISED question here:**

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**Reflection**

Write a brief (approx. 250-300 words) reflection on what you have learned in the research-question process. The goal of this writing is to record how your thinking about what you are curious about may have developed or changed, and perhaps, how your thinking about the process of research itself has changed. Demonstrate what you have learned so far. Consider what genres you have read so far in your research. Why did you choose them? How did you find them? Has it been easy or difficult to come up with your own research question? Explain your answers.

A successful response will:

* Include the initial research question
* Present a final research question that is clear and well focused.
* Reflect on the genres you have chosen to read.
* A reflective essay that clearly communicates the writer’s learning process, using important details from that process.
* Be effectively edited so your ideas are clear and not confusing.

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