How Do I Do Research?
Don’t Start Just Yet: Narrow Your Topic
Research Topic
- A research topic is a general area of study; a field of scholarship

Research Question
- A research question is the result of focusing a research topic into an inquiry that one can answer.

Research Problem
- A research problem is a research question focused in light of the constraints of present resources and the need to make research relevant
Research Question 3: How does Philo of Alexandria interpret the birth of Moses in his On the Life of Moses compare with Josephus’ interpretation of the birth of Moses in his Jewish Antiquities?
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✦ Chain Off the Research of Others
  ▸ Mine the bibliography and footnotes of a relevant book/article

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**Tertiary Source**

- A consolidation of a field of research
- “Reference Works” (encyclopedias, dictionaries, indices, etc.)
- Cambridge Companions, Oxford Bibliographies, etc.
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Secondary Source
- Research written after the event, providing analysis or conclusions about events, works, persons, etc.
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