Module 1: Turning Your Topic into a Question

Now that you have a topic, the next step is creating a research question. The research question is what your paper will attempt to answer. Phrasing this as a question instead of just a topic helps give your paper focus. For example, if your topic is performance-enhancing drugs in sports, your question could be: How have performance enhancing drugs affected professional sports?

Video Script

We started with ...
recycling
Then, Gale Virtual Reference Library gave us some background information ...
And now we know a little bit more.
(shows keyword in red) recycling
(related keywords pop up) reuse landfills conservation natural resources saves energy reduces emissions internal recycling external recycling composting
If recycling has so many benefits, why aren't more students doing it?
Maybe that could be my research question ...
What can colleges do to promote recycling on campus?

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