

AP Research: QUEST Framework Essential Questions



Question and Explore

Challenge and expand the boundaries of your current knowledge.



Understand and Analyze

Contextualize arguments and comprehend authors' claims.



Evaluate Multiple Perspectives

Consider individual perspectives and the larger conversation of varied points of view.



Synthesize Ideas

Combine knowledge, ideas, and your own perspective into an argument.



Team, Transform, and Transmit

Collaborate, reflect, and communicate your argument in a method suited to your audience.



- ▶ What do I want to know, learn, or understand?
- ▶ What questions have yet to be asked?
- ▶ How does my research question shape how I go about trying to answer it?
- ▶ How does my project goal shape the research or inquiry I engage in to achieve it?
- ▶ What information/evidence do I need to answer my research question?

- ▶ What strategies will help me comprehend a text?
- ▶ What is the main idea of the argument or artistic work, and what reasoning does the author use to develop it?
- ▶ What biases may the author have that influence his or her perspective?
- ▶ Does this argument acknowledge other perspectives?
- ▶ How can I assess the quality or strength of others' research, products, or artistic works?

- ▶ How might others see a problem or issue differently?
- ▶ What patterns or trends can be identified among the arguments about this issue?
- ▶ What are the implications and/or consequences of accepting or rejecting a particular argument?
- ▶ How can I connect the multiple arguments? What other issues, questions, or topics do they relate to?
- ▶ How can I explain contradictions within or between arguments?
- ▶ From whose perspective is this information being presented, and how does that affect my evaluation?

- ▶ How do I connect and analyze the evidence in order to develop an argument and support a conclusion?
- ▶ Are there other conclusions I should consider?
- ▶ How does my scholarly work emerge from my perspective, design choices, or aesthetic rationale?
- ▶ How do I acknowledge and account for my own biases and assumptions?
- ▶ What is the most appropriate way to acknowledge and attribute the work of others that was used to support my argument? How do I ensure the conclusions I present are my own?

- ▶ How can I best appeal to and engage my audience?
- ▶ What is the best medium or genre through which to reach my audience?
- ▶ How might I adapt my written and oral presentations for different audiences and situations?
- ▶ How might my communication choices affect my credibility with my audience?
- ▶ Which revision strategies are most appropriate to developing and refining my project at different stages?
- ▶ How do I provide feedback that is valuable to others? How do I act upon feedback I have received?
- ▶ How can I benefit from reflecting on my own work?