



## Narrowing a Topic Using a General to Specific Triangle

Your goal in a research project is to become an expert in a particular topic. If your topic is too broad, finding and interpreting information about the topic like preparing to write an entire book! Choosing a narrower topic limits your provides a clear focus for your process. If you know a little about the specific topic, try generating research questions.

Example:			
General: Environment Narrow	er:	Environmental issues	
Global warming Narrower:		Environmental issues	_
Effect of automobiles Specific:		Global warming	
Hybrid cars			
Possible research questions:		Effect of cars Hybrid	
<ul> <li>How does hybrid technology re</li> <li>Does driving a hybrid car signift that lead to global warming?</li> <li>What is the battery life of the hyenvironmental effect of disposit</li> </ul>	ficantly reduce factors  ybrid cars? What is the	cars	
You try: General:			
Narrower:			
Narrower:			_ /
Specific:			
Possible research questions:			
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