
Planning Pentagon

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Cornerstones of developing a topic

When you plan your text, it is important to further specify your topic and consider certain aspects of your work beforehand. The following exercise can help you with that. Once you have found answers to the questions below, you will have a clearer vision of your text.

Research question:

- What do you want to find out?
- What is interesting about this and why?

Working hypothesis:

- What results are you hoping for?

Methods:

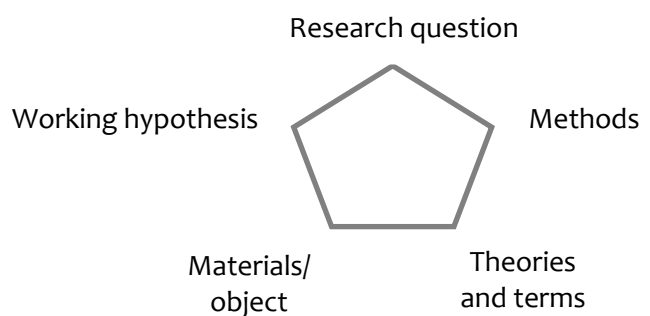
- What are you planning to do?
- Are you going to use specific research methods from your discipline?
- Why did you choose those research methods in particular?

Theories and terms:

- Which theories and terms are you going to use and why?

Material/object:

- What are you investigating?
- What kind of material (e.g. texts, sources, data) are you going to work with?
- What are you going to use to support your working hypothesis?



Visualisation of a planning pentagon