

# Dissertation Planning Worksheet

Date (mm/dd/yy)

Your name:

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**What is the problem you have identified and where is it found? (500 character maximum)**

**What do we already know about the problem?**

**What is not known and worth finding out? In other words, what is the gap in the existing knowledge?**

**Who will care enough about these gaps to read the project?**

**What seems to be the best way of discovering information (the best tool) that will help address your research questions? This is the summary of your methods.**

**Briefly convince the reader why these methods will get the job done.**

**Where will you look for this information (that is, what texts, survey results, etc. specifically will you examine)?**

**What perspective or theories will you use to help you analyze what you find?**

**What is your timeline for the project?**