

Assignment: Choosing a Topic

Due Thu Sept 21 4pm on Moodle (late assignments will not be accepted)

1) Subject. The broad subject area you are studying and researching (think in terms of WHAT social, political or cultural issues interest you).

- Example Subject: Homelessness
- Your Subject:

2) HC Andersen's tale(s). Must correspond to your chosen subject (You can first think of a tale you like and then match the subject):

- Example: "The Little Match Girl"
- Your Tale:

3) Topic. The more focused area of your subject that you will analyze (think in terms of the questions (WHAT SPECIFICALLY, WHERE AND WHEN)

- Example Topic: homeless children in Fargo-Moorhead area today
- Your Topic: (list 2 or 3 possibilities)
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.

4) Research Question. This is the question you are asking about your topic. Ask a focused question. Ask a question that can't simply be answered "yes" or "no" or does not have a self-evident answer. Words that you may want to use to start your Research Question: what, in what ways, why, how, which, where, is.

- Example Research Question: What is the connection between HC Andersen's homelessness concerns raised in "The Little Match Girl" and homeless children in Fargo-Moorhead area today? OR Why is HC Andersen's "The Little Match Girl" relevant for the discussion of homeless children in Fargo-Moorhead area today?
- Your Research Questions (list 2 or 3 possibilities):
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
- Take a few minutes to examine your potential Research Questions. Which one do you want to pursue? Consider your earlier discussion with your classmates during the workshop. When you decide, underline the Research Question you have decided to pursue. Keep in mind that library research and the closer analysis of HC Andersen's tale might lead to a revision of your Research Question.
- This assignment will be graded using the Pass/Fail scale.