Create a research question for your topic using the Question matrix. Now, think about the possible answer.

Yes

Is the answer going to be “yes” or “no”?

Yes

Is the answer something you already know?

No

Can you find the answer really quickly?

- Was it found in the first two entries of an internet search?
- Was it from your textbook?

Yes

Does your question lead you to more questions?

No

Does your question start with:

- What …?
- Why?
- How?

Yes

Congratulations!
You have created a thick (great) research question.