

Science Inquiry Project

Definition of Terms

Preliminary Definitions

These are the terms you need to define before you can engage in research.

Some terms will require you to make choices.

For example, consider what could be a Guiding Question in our *Civ V* work: “Is our civilization on the rise or the fall, and how would we know?”

Terms here that we needed to make choices about: “our”—do we mean Canada or Western civilization or the global civilization or our individual civilization in the game? “We”—do we mean Division 3 or historians?

Bullet-point definitions are fine, as is drawing.

Term	My definition

Definitions Requiring In-Depth Research

These are the terms to cannot define until you have started to engage in research and exploration.

For example, if you look at our Socials Guiding Question: “Is our civilization on the rise or the fall, and how would we know?”

Terms we needed to look up/research/explore before defining: “civilization,” and “rise” and “fall,” as they relate to civilizations.

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Subsequent Questions

As you engage in your research, you may find that new questions arise that need to be answered in order to go further with your own inquiry question.

For example, take our model question, “Is there life in outer space, and if so, how would we know?”

As you engaged in this question, you would soon realize that a sub-question arises: under what conditions does carbon-based life develop? You would need to answer that question before you could understand where in the solar system, galaxy, and Universe this could be possible.

Record your questions and answers below – again, bullet-form is fine, as is drawing.

Add more boxes as needed, as your research continues and deepens.

Question	Answer

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