

HARNESSING CURIOSITY | WORKSHEET

Curiosity and inquisitive thinking go hand in hand. If we're looking to cultivate a more curious mind, investigating topics novel to us is a great place to start. When we begin to ask and answer questions, a whole world of information opens up to us. This worksheet contains a few simple prompts to help you identify topics and apply some curious investigations.

WORKSHEET

TOPICS OF INTEREST

What topics (broad or specific) are you curious about?
(ex: ancient civilizations, roses, astronomy, car design...)

QUESTIONS

Pick one topic from your list and spend several minutes brainstorming questions about it. What do you want to know? Hint: if you get stuck, think of the **how**, **what**, **when**, **why** questions and try to look at the topic from different angles.

RESEARCH QUESTIONS

Now, you'll focus on finding answers to the questions you are most curious about. Don't limit yourself to one resource (Wikipedia, for instance). See how many sources you can utilize. Also, consider that there may not be just one "answer" or vantage point on the subject - consider (and seek out) multiple perspectives.

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In the space below, record what you learn as you research your topic area and find answers to your questions. Feel free to include other interesting facts, brand new questions, and ideas as they arise.

RESEARCH REFLECTION

Now that you have taken a short dive into your new topic area, do you find yourself even more curious than before? Have new questions that you want to find answers to emerged? If you answered 'yes,' continue digging deeper in this area. If it's 'no,' that's okay too. Try a different topic and see what happens.