If your topic is too **broad or vague** you will find too much information and will need to narrow the focus. If your topic seems **too broad**, consider questions like:

- What do you already know about the subject?
- Is there a specific time period you want to cover?
- Is there a geographic region or country on which you would like to focus?
- Is there a particular aspect of this topic that interests you? For example, public policy implications, historical influence, sociological aspects, psychological angles, specific groups or individuals involved in the topic.

If your topic is too **specific or specialized or new**, it will be difficult finding enough information to write your paper. In that case, you will need to broaden your idea. If your topic is so **narrow or specific** that you can’t find sources that specifically address it, consider questions like:

- Could you add elements to your topic for examination?
- Could you think more broadly about this topic? Give thought to the wider implications of your research.
- Who are the key players in this topic?
- What other issues are involved in this topic?