Thinking Like a Researcher Developing Your Project with

Here are 5 essential strategies for engaging with your sources, focusing on the questions your project will raise and the problem it seeks to solve.

1) Defining Terms:

- * What terms or concepts are most essential to your topic?
- * Does an understanding of your topic depend on how you define certain terms?

2) Locating Controversy:

- * What are the most essential points of conflict or debate concerning your topic?
- * Where do your ideas fit into the arguments that others have made about your topic?

3) Identifying Gaps