

CLAS 343/ HIST 227: History of the Roman Empire (31 BCE - 476 CE)

Library workshop

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How to choose a research topic



It's a process

- Choosing a research topic is research.
- The process is iterative, not linear.





Techniques to limit your topic

The 5W ... and 1H: Who? What? When? Where? Why? How?







5W and 1H

- Who? Emperors
- What? territory
- When? Between 31 Before the Common Era (BCE)
 476 Common Era (CE)
- Where? Roman Empíre
- Why? Influence of the Emperors on the expansion of the Roman Empire
- How? Political and military choices?





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