



## Narrowing a Topic Using a General to Specific Triangle

Your goal in a research project is to become an expert in a particular topic. If your topic is too broad, finding and interpreting information about the topic like preparing to write an entire book! Choosing a narrower topic limits your provides a clear focus for your process. If you know a little about the specific topic, try generating research questions.

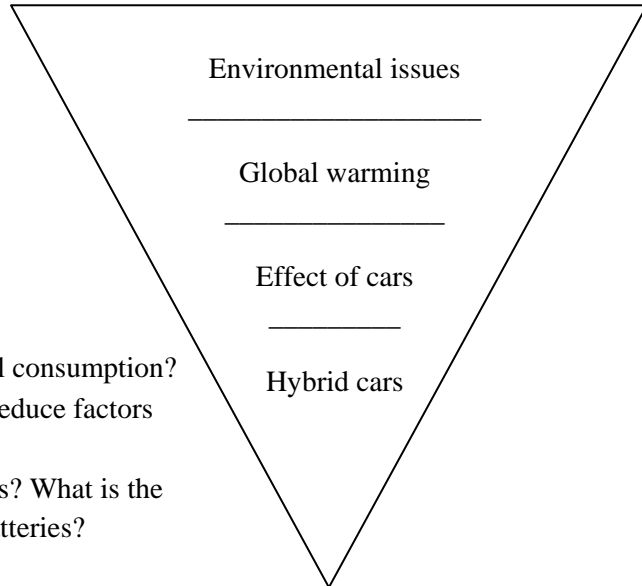
### **Example:**

General: Environment

Narrower: Global warming

Narrower: Effect of automobiles

Specific: Hybrid cars



### **Possible research questions:**

- How does hybrid technology reduce fuel consumption?
- Does driving a hybrid car significantly reduce factors that lead to global warming?
- What is the battery life of the hybrid cars? What is the environmental effect of disposing the batteries?

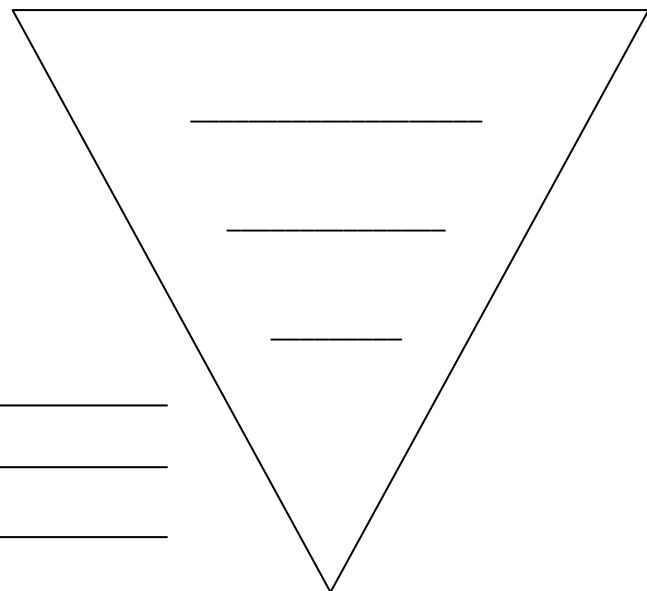
### **You try:**

General:

Narrower:

Narrower:

Specific:



### **Possible research questions:**

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