Sparking Curiosity & Research Questions in the Archives through the Question Formulation Technique

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Question Formulation Technique (QFT)
The QFT is a process for facilitating question development and includes the following steps:

1. A Question Focus (QFocus)
2. The Rules for Producing Questions
3. Producing Questions
4. Categorizing Questions
5. Prioritizing Questions
6. Next Steps
7. Reflection
How We’ve Modified for Archival Instruction

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QFocus:
Primary Source Exploration
Rules for Producing Questions

● Ask as many question as you can
● Do not stop to discuss, judge, or answer any questions
● Write down every question exactly as it is stated
● Change any statement into a question

Rules quoted from the Right Question Institute’s “Steps of the Question Formulation Technique (QFT) & Video Guide.”
rightquestion.org/resources/steps-of-the-question-formulation-technique-qft-video-guide/
Prioritizing Questions

- Review your list of questions
- Choose a question that you think could be an effective research question
Wrap-up & Questions
Citations

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