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Prep for Skills Building #1 Exercise

Problem Statement

What is the problem that has been identified?

- The problem is an issue that the researcher seeks to improve and should be framed as a statement.
- Questions should not be asked within the problem statement.

Purpose Statement

What is purpose does this research serve? Why are you researching this topic? This section should represent your overarching reasons for conducting this research.

- This statement conveys the overall intent of a proposed study in a sentence or several sentences.
- The purpose statement sets the objectives, the intent, or the major idea of a study.
- The idea builds on a need (the problem) and is refined into specific questions (the research questions).
 - Research questions should not be stated in this section.

Developing a Usable Research Question

- The primary research question drives the research study.
- List all of the questions that you'd like answered yourself.
 - Choose the best question, one that is neither too broad nor too narrow.
- Questions should require analysis, thinking (how, why)
- Specific focus (who, what, when)
- No "YES or "NO" questions-too narrow (closed questions)



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