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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