

Narrow Your Topic

Broad Topic Deforestation

As you answer these five questions, think about which part of this broad topic you would like to learn more about. Use these answers to make your topic more specific.

Question	Answer
1. Who or what has been affected by your topic? (animals, people, plants, environment, everyone?)	<i>Wildlife</i>
2. Where is/was this topic happening? (location, type of environment, everywhere?)	<i>Africa</i>
3. What is/was causing this problem, situation or condition?	<i>The Timber Trade</i>
4. When did this problem, situation or condition happen?	<i>Today</i>
5. Why did this problem, situation or condition happen?	<i>A desire for money</i>

Use two or more answers to the above questions to write your more specific topic. Write it in the form of a question.

How does deforestation caused by the timber trade's desire for more money affect the wildlife in Africa?

Write what you **THINK** the answer to the question is. Your research will prove, disprove, or add more detail to this answer.

I think that the animal population has been reduced because they lose their food and homes that the trees are cut down.