

Questions for the Start of the Topic Search

- What was I surprised by recently?
- What do I have to know?
- What should I know?
- Which things are different today from how they were in the past?
- Which things will be changing during the future?
- What did get lost?
- What did we win?
- What kind of knowledge do I have, which could be useful for others?
- Whom would I like to inform about this?
- What is not happening at the moment yet, but might happen?
- What is not happening at the moment yet, but should happen?
- Whom would I like to watch working?
- Which processes should I know?
- Which processes would be fun to watch?
- How could I change my position in order to get a different view on the world?
- What did I read, hear, thought that confuses me?
- How did human behaviour change?
- How did human beliefs change?
- What is making me mad, sad, happy, worried, anxious, satisfied?
- What do I expect to hear and see?
- What do I really hear and see?
- Why?

Take up the habit of collecting good topics. Don't start doing so when you have to write a paper. Take a look on the world as a collector for topics and make sure you always have a good topic you want to work on in your pocket.

Nach: Otto Kruse, Keine Angst vor dem leeren Blatt. Ohne Schreibblockaden durchs Studium. Frankfurt/Main 1989, S. 193f.