The Five Ws – Who, What, When, Where, and Why

Background information forms a foundation for your topic and supports the rest of your research

- WHO
  - People
  - Organizations

- WHAT
  - Definitions
  - Other names for my topic
  - Vocabulary

- WHEN
  - Dates
  - Events

- WHERE
  - Locations of significant events

- WHY
  - Why are people interested