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Black History/  
Level 2 Higher  
Project  
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# *How to choose a title*

- Remember, your first task will be to decide on your **objectives** and develop a **title** for your project. For a piece of written work that will usually be a question.
- You can develop your title as you go along, but you should choose something that:
  - Is interesting to you
  - Is wide enough to give you scope for doing research but not too narrow
  - Allows you to develop your ideas and arguments
  - Allows you to carry out valid and reliable research
  - Gives you enough to write about.




## *Is it interesting to you?*

- You will be researching and writing this Project for quite a while – choose something that you are genuinely interested in.
- Remember, your Project is not being assessed on its content, but on the skills you develop and demonstrate.
- Once you have started looking at the topic, you could develop your ideas by:
  - Creating a spidergram of things you were interested in
  - Writing a list of questions you have that interest you
  - Spend some time researching ideas on the web, reading sources that you have access to or watching a video that covers your area of interest
  - Talk to friends or family about your ideas



# *How much scope does it give you for research?*

- Don't pick a question that is **too broad** to answer in the time you have. For example:
  - “How can I build a fast car?” or
  - “Why do people emigrate?”
- Don't pick a question that **too narrow**. If it is easily answered it doesn't give you scope for research. For example:
  - “What do I need to become a professional skate boarder?”
  - “How many black footballers are there?”
- Your question should give you the scope to research different ideas, to look at several sources and types of source, and should let you develop your views and arguments.



## *Does it allow you to develop your ideas?*


- Make sure you choose a question that you don't already know the answer to.
- Around 40% of the marks are for you applying information to develop and complete the objectives you set at the beginning.
- This means that your question needs to be one that you can investigate and develop your ideas and arguments.
- A question that allows you to look for both sides of an argument can be a good approach, for example:

**Did the lives of migrants on the Windrush change for the better when they arrived in Britain?**




# *Does your title allow you to carry out research?*

- Choose a title that needs you to do research in order to answer it.
- There is no point choosing a really interesting question if you won't have access to the material you need to research it.
- Choose a title that allows you to investigate a range of different, reliable, sources.
- Sources can include:
  - Text books
  - Reliable websites (eg BBC, National Geographic, The Black Curriculum, Pearson History Topic of the Month)
  - Archive documents
  - First person accounts (can be written or you might choose to interview someone relevant to your question)



# *Does your title give you enough to write about?*

- You will need to produce a written report (including evidence of research carried out, analysis and evaluation) 750-2500 words long.
- Make sure that your question will give you enough to write about. A simple question with a simple answer won't do that.
- Remember, the Project will go on for several weeks or months and your title needs to give you the scope to explore it and enough to write about.



## *Examples of good Project titles:*

- Did the lives of migrants on the Windrush change for the better when they arrived in Britain?
- Can I use artwork to promote change in attitudes towards diversity?
- Should international sports be doing more to combat racism?
- Create a film using footage from a local archive to tell the story of how migration changed lives.



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