

## 9 Ws

Using the W questions can help you explore your topic to develop your ideas and thoughts. Not all questions are relevant to every topic.

The suggested questions are prompts, but you may come up with your own questions.

### The 6Ws

- What? (What is it, what is it about, what is the subject and main ideas?)
- Where? (Where is it, where did this idea come from?)
- When? (When was this produced, when is this applicable?)
- How? (How did this occur, how should this be applied?)
- Who? (Who wrote this, who is the intended audience, who is this about?)
- Why? (Why is this important, why was this written, why does the author have these views, why did the author write this?)

### Three more Ws

Shandler (2014) outlines three more W questions that may increase your critical analysis.

- What's wanting (what information is missing?)
- What in the world? (What can I get from other sources to complete the information?)
- What's wild? (What information is unexpected or contradictory?)

### References

- Shandler, B. (2014). *The 6Ws*. Retrieved from Lynda.com database.
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