Questions to help you with your Research topic and making sure you cover the basics

Who?

* Are there any important people, government agencies, businesses etc that play an important role in your topic?
* Are there any other people that are important to your topic?

What?

* What are they key features, characteristics, definitions, statistics, conditions, facts etc. that someone would need to know to understand your topic?
* What information do people need to know about your topic in order to understand it?
* What topics/subtopics/headings would you break your topic into?
* What is your topic about? You should provide a brief summary as an introduction.

Where?

* Are there locations, cities, towns, areas, regions, etc that someone needs to know about for your topic?

When?

* Are there any important dates, events, start and end times etc that people need to know in order to understand your topic?

Why?

* Are there any important causes or chains of events etc that provide important context or Background information that people should know about your topic?
* Are there reasons why things are happening with regard to your topic that people need to understand?
* Why is your topic important to know about?

How?

* Are there any important details or facts that explain aspects of your topic that people need to know ?
* How are you going to make sure you have enough information to provide a basic snapshot of what is important to know about your topic?

Visuals?

* Are there any pictures of people, businesses, locations, maps, diagrams, charts, animals, events, timelines, plants, etc that are important or add to people’s understanding of your topic?