



## The Planning Pentagon

The writing technique “planning pentagon” helps you plan the content of your work. It guides you in thinking about which sub-topics need more focus (cf. Grieshammer et al. p. 200). On this basis, you can build a first structure, sort the literature towards the corners of the pentagon, write an exposé, create a working schedule or think about each corner aspect in depth.

When planning the content of your work, it can help to ask yourself these five questions:

1. What do I want to know? (question)
2. How do I want to approach the question? (method)
3. What will I use as guidance? (theories, term, concepts)
4. What do I work with? (materials)
5. What am I expecting? (working hypotheses)

(cf. Writing Center of European University Viadrina)

The following model shows how these questions are connected. If one corner of the pentagon is changed, it will likely influence the other corners.

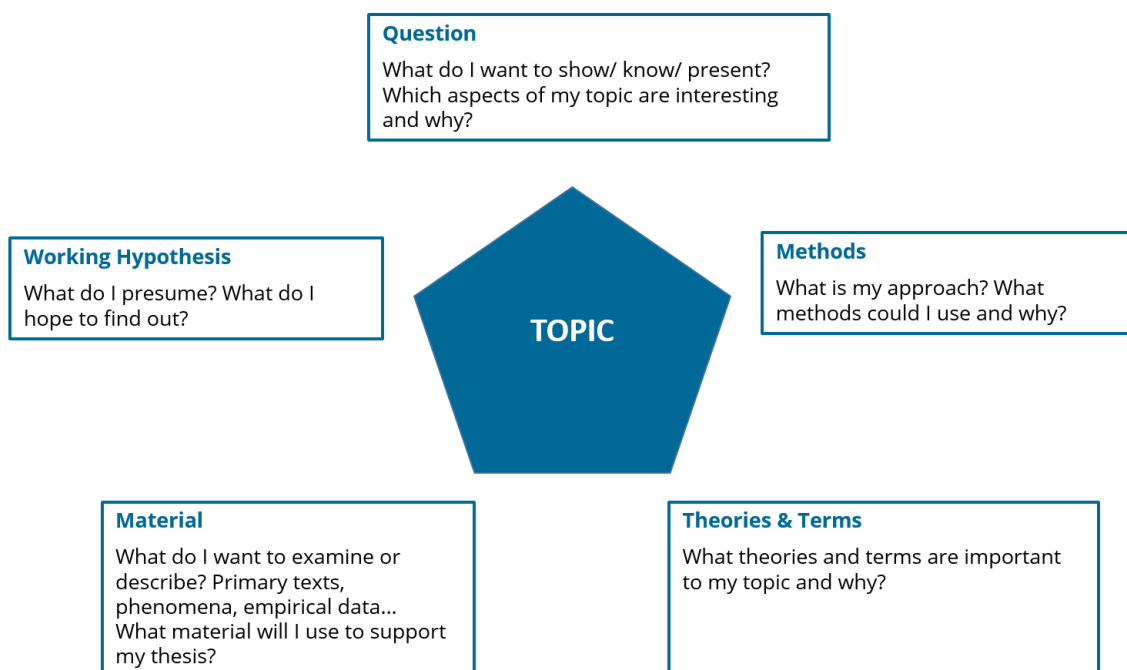


Figure 1: Planning Pentagon (Writing Center of European University Viadrina)

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Grieshammer, Ella, et al. *Zukunftsmodell Schreibberatung: Eine Anleitung zur Begleitung von Schreibenden im Studium*.

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