

Name \_\_\_\_\_

### Four Elements of a Good RESEARCH QUESTION!

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

### The GOLDILOCKS of it all...

Papa Bear (too broad)



*If almost any information about the topic could be considered relevant, your question is too broad.*

Mama Bear (too narrow)



*If you can answer your question using only one source, it is too narrow. This is a right-there question.*

Baby Bear or Goldilocks (just right!)



*Not too narrow, not too broad, this question uses a variety of sources and asks you to make a connection. You can answer it in the time allotted and using sources to which you have access!*

### CART or TRAC

*(either way – just make sure you do it!)*  
When selecting sources, be sure you are using those that are **TRUSTWORTHY, RELEVANT, ACCESSIBLE, and CURRENT**

### Sources for Research

- Library databases
- WMS Library catalog (books!)
- Minuteman library catalog (books!)
- Boston Public Library catalog (books!)
- Google (trustworthy websites!)
- And much, much more.



All of this information (and more) can be found on the WMS Library website ([www.wmslibrary.com](http://www.wmslibrary.com)). Use the I-Search page on the library website to find links to great sources, reminders about writing good research questions, and information about NoodleTools and citing sources.

Things to think about during the EXPLORE phase:

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