Transforming a Problem Statement into a Research Question--6 criteria for an effective research question

* **Focused topic** (a narrowed scope of interest)
* **Purpose** (To explore, explain or create)
* **Variables** (Components of elements of a phenomenon that can be counted or measured, or connected to other variables via correlation studies)
* **Context/scope** (specified time, place, population, genre, etc)
* **Value** (statement of importance, significance, or relevance to body of knowledge of the discipline or to society at large)
* **Feasibility** (statement of how this topic of inquiry can be investigated using time and resources available to the researcher)
* Also list definitions, assumptions, and hypotheses
* Revised question
  + Use problem statement to help you