**CHOOSE YOUR RESEARCH TOPIC!**  
  
Pick a topic that is very specifically about the *representation of humans* in a particular culture, in ancient or classical times (nothing after 500 CE).

**Choose a culture/era:**

Prehistory, Egypt, Mesopotamia (Sumerians, Assyrians, Akkadians, Babylonians, Hittites, Persians), Greece, Rome, Africa or Neolithic China

**Find** academic, peer-reviewed articles on the library databases (start with JSTOR) about the paintings, drawings, or sculptures of human beings made by this culture

**Narrow your topic by focussing on:**

a specific person **(**kings, pharaohs, emperors), god, hero, etc,

**or** a category of people (the elderly, children, women, scribes, soldiers, slaves, priests, etc.)

**Narrow your topic further by focussing on:**

The materials/techniques (vase painting, tomb carving, portrait sculptures, etc.)

**Some examples of topics that might be good:**

•sculpted heads from the Nok people of Nigeria

•relief carving, sculpture and painting of the pharaoh Akhenaten from Egypt

•portrait busts of Roman emperors

•Assyrian soldiers, relief carving

• Roman funerary sculptures

• goddess Athena in Greek vase paintings

•representations of people in prehistoric cave art

•women in Ancient Egyptian art

•terracotta warrior sculpture in China

•women’s hairstyles in Rome in portrait busts

•”Fayum” mummy portraits from when Roman Egypt