**Picturing the what (short writing assignment)**

Use the template below to determine exactly what you are going to research for your paper. The template also includes control questions to check whether everything ties in together. The question should concern the topic, and the answers should relate to that topic and to the question type. If this is not the case, change one of the elements and check again.

You could ask any student for peer feedback because not much disciplinary knowledge would be required in order to be able to check the logical consistency.

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| Research topic (narrowed down): |
| Question type (which of the four types mentioned in the book: description, definition or evaluation?): |
| Main question (= research topic + question type): |
| Preliminary answer to the question (what kind of statement will your conclusion show?): |

**Control questions**

**1** Is the main question a question about the research topic?

**2** Is it clear what type of question the main question is?

**3** Does your answer provide an answer to just that specific question?

**4** Is everything specific, transparent, and clear? Have you used the same wording where possible?