

My partner and I were certain that we wanted our topic to be about the influence that money has on modern day society. We were open to modifying our group and question depending on how large we found the literature base to be on this topic.

However, we soon found that the topic area was more limited than what we had expected, which meant that dividing the research into two questions would be an appropriate way to approach the project. Thus, we maintained our group size of two people to match the minimal size of the topic.

On top of this, we found that maintaining only two perspectives would allow us to research each one in depth to garner a full and quality understanding of the topic.

From there, my partner and I contemplated the best way to divide the group question. We decided that instead of dividing the question based on *how* money controls society, we would divide the question based on *what* types of societies money may drive. From our preliminary research, we found that money has influence in both open societies such as democracies, as well as closed societies such as religious institutions and restrictive governments.

Thus, my individual question is: "Does money drive open societies?"