

# Week 2

## Research Questions

**MASTER YOUR  
FAMILY TREE  
RESEARCH**



### Practical Activities

- 1** **WRITE DOWN SOME RESEARCH QUESTIONS OF YOUR OWN, FOR THE STORY OF RENATUS AND WILLIAM.** Use the boxes below for ideas and direction if you like.

Angles which interest me:

Personal Connections

Occupations

Locations

Family

Judicial / Criminal

Parish Life

Attitudes & Context

Other (please state)

- 2** **REVISIT THE SUMMARY SHEET FOR YOUR CHOSEN 'BRICK WALL'. REFLECT ON THE DIRECTIONS IT MIGHT UNFOLD AND COME UP WITH A RESEARCH QUESTION.**

What do I know?

What don't I know?

What are my priorities?

Is this viable?

My research question: \_\_\_\_\_

My question is:  Relevant  Specific enough  General enough  Tackling a gap

# Quiz Questions

Did today's quizzes spark any ideas? Add your thoughts below.

## 1 HAVE YOU USED A RESEARCH QUESTION IN YOUR FAMILY HISTORY BEFORE?

- Yes, written
- Yes, only in my head
- No, never

Based on your answer, how do you think this has influenced your research progress? Write your thoughts in the space below.

## 2 WHAT ARE THE MAIN REASONS FOR HAVING A WRITTEN RESEARCH QUESTION?

Once you've responded to the Zoom question, note down the benefits which you would personally find useful in your research – and how you might work these into your roadmap!

## 3 BASED ON YOUR OWN BRICK WALL PROBLEM, WHICH QUESTION WORDS BEST SUIT YOUR NEEDS?

**WHO**  
(people focused)

**WHERE**  
(place focused)

**WHEN**  
(time focused)

**WHAT**  
(richer detail)

**HOW**  
(explore behaviour  
& contradictions)

**WHY**  
(explore motivations)