

Idea Generator—use to see where students have gone before.

These are topic ideas by IB full Diploma Candidates, so keep that in mind when you are choosing and creating your own topic and research question.

English

Topic: Dance in Jane Austen's novels

Research question: "What are the role and the significance of dance in *Pride and Prejudice* and *Emma*?"

Topic : Death in Emily Brontë's and Emily Dickinson's poetry

Research question: "How is the subject of death treated in selected poems by Emily Brontë and Emily Dickinson?"

Topic : The presentation of the hero in literature

Research question: "In what different ways do Shaw, Anouilh and Schiller present Joan of Arc in their respective plays?"

Topic: Male authors and female characters

Research question: In what ways do the male authors of *Anna Karenina* and *Madame Bovary* seek to render their heroines sympathetic to the reader? How far do they succeed?"

Language French

Topic: Language laws in Quebec

Research question: To what extent has Bill 101 contributed to increasing the prevalence of the French language in Quebec?

Language Spanish

Topic: Language and discrimination

Research question: To what extent does the language used by groups of young students from a secondary school in Buenos Aires reflect racial discrimination?

Biology

Topic: The effectiveness of commercial antibacterial cleaning agents

Research question: Are commercially available antibacterial cleaning agents effective at controlling the growth of *E. coli* on nutrient agar under laboratory conditions?

Topic: Altitude and physical fitness

Research question:

Can a programme of training at high altitude have an impact on the fitness of an athlete?

Film

Topic: Clint Eastwood as auteur

Research question: To what extent can Clint Eastwood be considered an auteur?

Topic: Neo-noir in colour

Research question: To what extent do the films *Chinatown* (1974), *Blood Simple* (1984) and *Pulp Fiction* (1994) qualify as film noirs?

Topic: From *Hill Street Blues* to *CSI*

Research question: What has been the influence of *Hill Street Blues* on subsequent US television crime drama such as *NYPD Blue* and *CSI*?

Topic: African film and cultural independence

Research question: To what extent have the films of Ousmane Sembene been able to retain a truly indigenous style and content in the face of pressures to make films more acceptable for an international market?

Topic: Ang Lee as an international film-maker

Research question: To what extent do the films of Ang Lee enable him to be considered a truly international filmmaker?

History

Topic: Varying interpretations of the Salem witch trials

Research question: Which theory best explains the Salem witch trials?

Topic: The political rights of women in Saudi Arabia

Research question: To what extent can the limited political rights of women in Saudi Arabia be justified?

Math

Topic: The geometry of navigation

Research question: What was the role of mathematics, and geometry in particular, in navigation when we relied on the stars? Does it still play a part now we have man-made satellites?

Politics

Topic: Is the US government losing the drugs war?

Research question: Is it politically possible for the US government to win the drugs war?

Psychology

Topic: Football: "Choking" under pressure during an important match

Research question: What levels of psychological arousal are most effective for players in team sports?

Sports, Exercise

Topic: Personality types and sport

Research Question: Is there a specific personality type more suited to contact sports?

Theatre

Topic: An investigation into the functions of mask in two of Zeami Motokiyo's plays

Research question: What are the main uses and types of mask in Noh drama, and how does the mask contribute to the creation of a character in Noh?

Topic: Female stereotypes and their performance in a selection of Brecht's plays

Research question: What female stereotypes did Brecht employ in his plays, and how can these be compared and contrasted in performance, based on an analysis of a selection of Brecht's plays?

Topic: A study of the effects of the use of fabrics and lighting in *The Tempest*

Research question: How can fabrics and lighting contribute to the creation of magical effects in a production of Shakespeare's last play?

Visual Arts

Topic: Cultural influences on Pablo Picasso's work

Research question: Picasso: individual genius or cultural thief?

Topic: The influence of Renaissance architecture in Montreal

Research question: Cathédrale Marie-Reine-du-Monde, Montreal: a replica of St Peter's, Rome?

World religions

Topic: The politics of religious symbols in France

Research question: Why do some high school students in France wear religious symbols to school? Why do many people in France object?

Topic: Prophecy

Research question: What are the differences in the understanding of prophecy in Judaism, Christianity and Islam?

Topic: Prayer in public schools

Research question: How do high school students in South Carolina experience school prayer and its prohibition?

World Studies

Topic: HIV - AIDS and religion: Beliefs and knowledge about HIV - AIDS among members of different religious communities in Mombasa, Kenya.

Research question: What do members of three religious congregations (Hindu, Muslim and Christian) in my city, Mombasa, believe, or know about, the causes, transmission and cures of HIV - AIDS, and how might religious beliefs inform these people's views?

reflection on the importance of attending to religion, as a key dimension of human life in development work more generally (global).