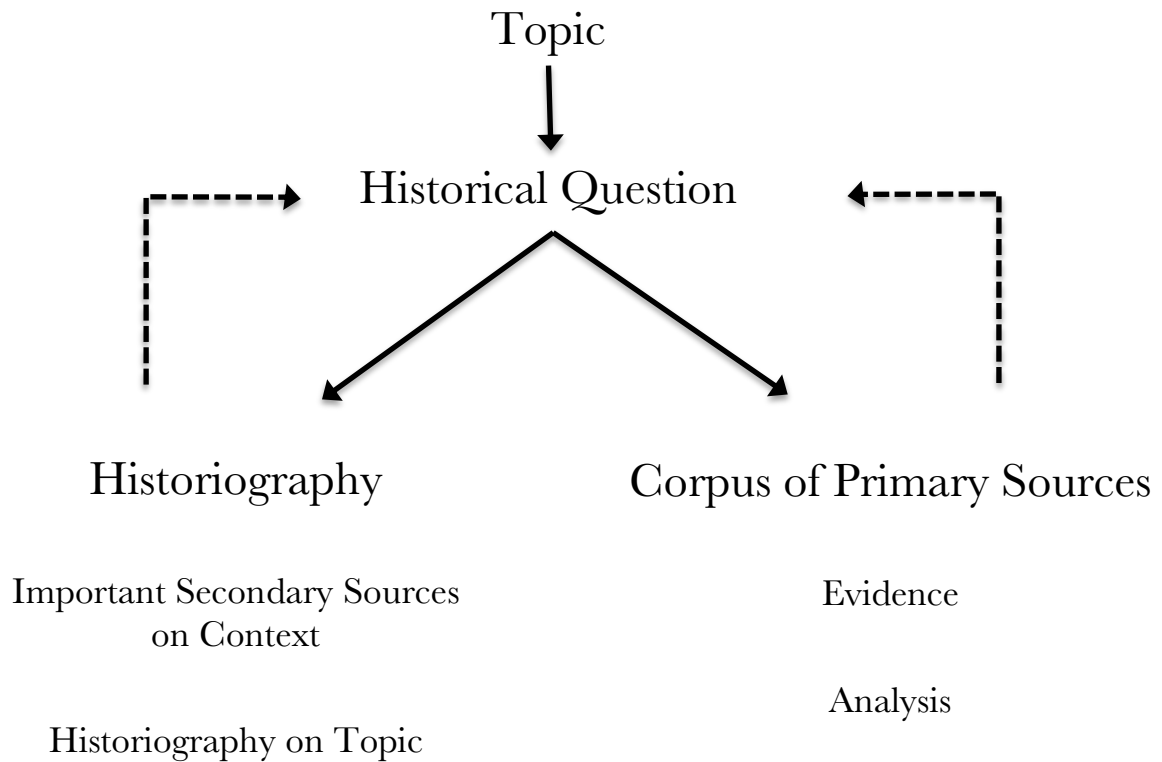


## ***Process of Historical Research***



This research should lead to  $\longrightarrow$  Argument

And an answer to the “so what?” question  $\longrightarrow$  Significance

Topic. Should be focused.

Bibliography. Keep it organized from the beginning!

Notes. You don't need a lot, but you need good ones. These are first draft of your paper.

Outline. As you work, develop a simple outline. Include: thesis, historiography, evidence, analysis, significance.

# ***Model Outline for a Historical Research Paper***

## Introduction

Hook – draw in the reader and announce the topic

Historical Question – state your question

Historiography – explain how others have addressed the question

Method – explain how you are going to answer it

Thesis – state your thesis

## Context

Historical Context (or sometimes, Historiographical Context)

## Evidence and Analysis

Primary Source Examples

Analysis

Secondary Sources as Helpful

Refer back to thesis

Organize in sections according to some logic

- by source
- by theme
- by chronology

## Conclusion

Summary

Significance