**Student template for a social inquiry approach.**

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***Critical Thinking***

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| **Planning** | **Critical Thinking** |
| **What is my umbrella question?** | **CONSIDER****So what?*** What is the “**so what**’ for my idea? (That is, why does this matter to people?).
* What concepts are important?
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| **My research questions** | **CONSIDER*** Have I chosen questions that are specific & open & will help to answer my umbrella question?
* Are my questions focused on people & groups & on their values & perspectives?
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| **Where can I get the information I need?**  | **CONSIDER*** Have I confirmed information by finding it from different reliable sources?
* What key words will I need in order to find information?
* Is there anything more I need to know?
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| **How will I communicate what I have learned?** | **CONSIDER*** Have I used my own words?
* What is the best way of getting my message out to the people who need to hear it?
* How could I improve this research?
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| **What could be the next steps in my learning?** | **CONSIDER*** How is this learning significant for me/others?
* What decisions/actions might I/others make?
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