## Chapter 2 Developmental Activity Type of Research



In the Developmental Activity at the end of Chapter 1, you began your process of planning a research study by thinking of a possible research topic, considering potential "pitfalls" you might encounter along the way, and brainstorming various ways to overcome them. Another important decision that you must make as a researcher in the early stages of planning a research study is to determine what type (or types) of research might be most appropriate in order to adequately address your topic. Consider the topic with which you began working in Chapter 1 and answer the following questions:

1. A possible topic or problem I am thinking of researching is:

2. The type of research that seems most appropriate to my chosen topic is (*check one*):

ethnographic research historical research descriptive research correlational research action research evaluation research causal-comparative research experimental research

3. The reason that I chose that particular type of research, and why I think it is most appropriate for my topic, is:

4. Other types of research (if any) in the list above that *might* also seem appropriate for my topic include:

5. Based on my responses to #3 and #4, criticisms by experienced researchers of my topic using these approaches might include:

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6. Based on my responses to the preceding questions, I believe that research would be most appropriate.