

# Checkpoint 6: IRR Outline

## What to Do

Before beginning narrative drafts of the Individual Research Reports, students consider the following reflection questions, using an informal but organized outline based on lessons from Module 5:

1. What lens are you pursuing? What perspectives are you searching for in pursuit of that lens? Justify and consider the implications of those choices.
2. What specific paths are you pursuing? Why are you choosing to narrow in those ways rather than others? What do you project will be the usefulness of doing so?
3. How has your lens evolved as you have engaged in formal research?
4. What patterns, areas of overlap, or major claims are emerging from your research? What is generally recognized as valid by the professional community? What areas are currently under dispute? What are the major areas of disagreement?
5. What significant gaps still exist? In other words, what questions are emerging from the professional community regarding your topic, and how might other sources work to address those gaps?
6. Of the perspectives you justified not pursuing, which could fill the gaps identified above? What could the next steps in the research process be? (Others in your team may already be pursuing these gaps or perspectives, allowing you to acknowledge overlaps in your team inquiry.)

Students individually submit their informal responses to the questions above and an informal, rough outline of their IRR draft based on resources in Module 5 lectures and practice activities. Submissions are only for a progress check and project accountability.