Formulating Disciplinary Questions as Research Ideas
Developing research ideas is more about communication than creativity.
A Question

what do you do differently or better than anyone else?

what do you spend time on?

what is a major issue/challenge/bone of contention within your field?

what don’t people understand about something you work on?

if you do anything with your time regardless of money, what would you work on?
Ideas Are Built Not Discovered
What Is a Project?

sequence of related activities
derived from a question, issue, or problem
requires the development of resources
requires an audience and/or other participants
results in a product
What Is a Project?

event
meeting
workshop
conference
symposium

research
analysis
investigation
experiment
development

telling a story, writing an argument,
answering a question, developing a theory
The Five Parts of a Research Project

- a question, problem, or provocation
- sources (primary or secondary)
- an analytical/discovery activity
- an audience
- concrete products
Producing Humanistic Knowledge
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Discovering Existing Knowledge
Analyzing Knowledge
Preserving Knowledge
Credits

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