Research question examples

1. What can one learn about the nature of death through a study of ‘Mort’ by Terry Pratchet, in which ‘Death’ is a character, and ‘The Book Thief’ by Markus Zusak, in which ‘Death’ is the narrator? (Studies in Language and Literature, Category 1)

2. To what extent are warnings on cigarette advertisements and packaging effective in dissuading smokers from smoking? (Studies in Language and Literature, Category 3)

3. To what extent were foreign influences the main cause in the Khmer Rouge’s rise to power in Cambodia in 1975? (History)

4. Which influences risk-taking in adolescents more: biological or social factors? (Psychology)

5. How has Uber disrupted the taxi market in Amsterdam since its arrival? (Business Management)

6. What are the effects of temperature on fruit that is ripening by ethylene? (Biology)

7. How do different dimple patterns on golf balls affect ball flight, and which dimple patterns are best for good and poor golfers? (Physics)

8. How is one’s golf swing and ball flight affected by Standard Length Irons (SLIs)? To what degree are SLIs effective for both good and poor golfers? (Sports, Exercise and Health Science)

9. To what extent do the musical language and structures of Andrew Lloyd Weber take inspiration from classical opera of the seventeenth century? (Music)

10. What would be the challenges and opportunities of creating Kurdistan as a fully sovereign and independent nation? (World Studies: History, Global Politics: conflict, peace and security)

11. How have the practices of American pharmaceutical and agriculture industries caused an increasing resistance to antibiotics? How can these practices be changed? (World Studies: Economics, Biology: health and development)

12. To what degree has the reintroduction of wolves in Wyoming been successful for both its economy and ecosystems? (Environmental Systems and Societies)