

Global Politics IA - Inquiry Question Development Sheet

Develop a focused, contestable question that direct engagement can help answer.

1. Define the inquiry components

Component	Planning response
Focused opening	Draft a clear initial question. It may begin with how, why, what, or to what extent.
Policy, decision, relationship or outcome to be judged	
Named actors or affected groups	
Place, institution or community boundary	
Relevant period, if needed	
Central political tension	

2. Draft three alternatives

Draft question	Three plausible answers	Evidence engagement could provide

3. Stress-test the strongest question

Diagnostic	Pass evidence or repair
The question requires political judgment, not description or a yes/no answer.	
The political issue and operation of power are visible.	
The scope is narrow enough for meaningful depth.	
Research and engagement can test competing explanations.	
The wording does not assume the desired conclusion.	

Final inquiry question

Working hypothesis and what could disprove it
