**RESEARCH PROPOSAL – (Exemplar)**

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| **FERTILE QUESTION:** |
| Should we be banning young children from heading the ball in soccer? |

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| **MY HYPOTHESIS:** My opinion on this topic and what I expect to find. Why it is important to me/us. |
| I currently think that it is a ridiculous idea to ban kids from heading the ball in soccer. My friends and I have been playing soccer and heading the ball since we were five years old and none of us have brain injuries. I expect I will find research that suggests there is a risk but I would be surprised if the risk is very big. I would need to see some pretty clear facts to change my mind on this. It is an important issue to look into though because a lot of kids play soccer and it would be bad if they really were putting their brains at risk. |

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| **MY RESEARCH QUESTIONS:** |
| 1. Why do people need to head the ball in soccer? |
| 2. What are the risks associated with heading the ball? |
| 3. What would be the impacts of removing heading from the game of soccer? |
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| **DIFFERENT VIEWPOINTS ON MY TOPIC I HAVE IDENTIFIED:** | | |
| Doctors and medical staff would probably think it is a good idea to restrict heading. | Big soccer fans will probably be against this idea and think it is stupid and will ruin the game. | Some people might think that it all depends on the age of the person and the situation. |

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| **A RANGE OF SOURCES I COULD USE:** | **STRATEGIES I WILL USE TO SELECT MY INFORMATION:** |
| **Text Type:** Newspaper articles, academic journals about sports injuries (particularly concussion), football fan magazines | Epic database search  Assess for reliability and usefulness  Boolean Google search  Library database searches  Search You Tube for documentaries |
| **Text Type:** Wed sites – sports injury/concussion websites  Football fan websites and discussion forums |
| **Text Type:** Interviews with doctors, PE staff, survey of students |