



Day 1

Introductions: Shared Experiences with Research

Part 1 | Individually ...

Reflect and write (8 minutes)

Think back over the course of your life. When did research or the research process truly come "alive" for you? Now write about your experience. Provide as much detail as you possibly can. What was your experience? How old were you? Were there other people involved in bringing research alive for you? What did they do? How did you feel? What did you think? What other details can you provide?

Now come up with the **one word** that **best describes** your first experience with research. Write that word here.

Part 2 | Within your group ... Sharing your research experiences (15 minutes)

Instructions to the group members:

Quickly select a reporter for your group.

Share the experience you wrote about with the others in your group, but do not reveal your one word descriptor of your pivotal research experience until after everyone in your group has shared his or her initial research experience. Then share your one word descriptors with one another.

See if you can identify any common characteristics among your experiences or descriptors. List that characteristic here.

Your reporter will be asked to:

1. introduce the members of the group (with notes from Part 3 introductions)
2. describe the characteristics or descriptors that were shared in common by all group members with respect to their first research experience (with notes from Part 2 discussions)
3. Describe in greater detail one group member's initial research experience (chosen in advance by the group) which best illustrates this characteristic or descriptor

Part 3 | Within your group ... Sharing facts about yourselves (5 minutes)

Introduce yourselves to one another – share names, departments, and courses you will be working on during the institute ... but **be brief!**

Part 4 | Group reports (12 minutes)

The three reporters will introduce their group members and report out to the cohort on their group discussions.