

Questions for facilitation (read your topic into "X")

History

- When was X introduced and by whom?
- What was the point of introducing X?
- What was X meant to replace?

Elements

- What are the main features of X?
- What do they mean, one by one?

Variation and internal competition

- What forms did X take (or what forms has it taken)?
- Is there (or has there been) competition between different interpretations of X?
- What kind of competition?
- Who won (or who is winning)?

Criticism and external competition

- How has X been criticized after its introduction?
- What external competition has emerged after the introduction of X?
- Who won (or who is winning) in that competition?

Bigger picture

- How did X (or its most successful forms) succeed in reaching the aim?
- And, last but not least, if this has not been answered already, if "X" is the answer, what was the question?

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Questions to be considered in your subsequent work (in the preparation of the detailed presentation of your approach and methodology – and in your future research)

- What is X's relation to my work?
- If I am working within X, what is my justification for the choice?
- If I am not working within X, why (what is my justification for not choosing X as my primary approach)?
- What is my approach (if not X)?
- Why do I think that my approach is the best for my purposes?