These questions should be used as guidelines to keep your research focused and concise.

You can edit or modify the questions at any time, but having a set will help!

For example: I will be studying William Blake for this assignment.

My questions: (you may use these as a guide but you should also develop questions of your own. What do you want to know about your author? What do you need to know in order to make an in-depth analysis and evaluation of his/her text?

1. What information can I find out about Blake's life that made an impact on the subjects he wrote about?
2. What was happening in society around Blake that may have influenced who and what he wrote about?
3. Who was Blake's audience? Was he writing for the wealthy or for the common man?
4. What themes are consistent through many of his works of literature? Why does he focus on these themes?
5. Where was he educated? Could his education have influenced his writing in any way?
6. Who was Blake closest to? Did they influence him in any way?

All of these questions delve deep into who Blake was and what he experienced in all facets of his life - The goal is to determine WHY he wrote what about the things he did.