Ask specific questions to guide your research. These questions should ultimately lead to your ability to answer the questions you set forth in step 2. You should do your own research and make sure to cite your sources. Do not copy my answers from this page. You may use this as a guide; however you should think of your own questions too. Cite your sources and support your answers to the questions you formulate.

1. **What was going on during this time?**
2. **What major events occurred? How did these events affect England?**
3. **How was the monarchy? Was it strong or weak?**
4. **How was life for the class in which your author lived? Did writers and peasants suffer or did they live comfortably?**
5. **What about religious persecution? Was it at a high (for whom?) or was there religious tolerance?**

For example:

1. During the romantic time industry was just beginning to emerge. Life in the country/farms was becoming less desirable and less profitable and people started flocking towards cities to find jobs in these factories.
2. Major events include the French Revolution – The English monarchy is very weak during the Romantic Era. George III is declared insane and his son rules in his place until his death. Kings during this time are insufficient rulers and fear the revolution in France will spark one in England. Napoleon is conquering all of Europe – the monarchy sees Napoleon as a threat in multiple ways. He is successfully making his way through Europe conquering every country he enters. (Prussia, Austria, (now Germany and Austria) Italy, most of Eastern Russia…) The monarchy worries that if he decides to invade England; they will lose and become a French province. The monarchy also worries that the people of England will see Napoleon as a strong leader, and be unwilling to defend the country. The king of France is executed. Louis XIV was a lot stronger than the English Monarchy so could this happen in England?
3. Weak, they ruled for themselves and did not do anything to help their people. Everything that Elizabeth I spent her life creating has already been destroyed and the present kings do not know how to bring England back to the status she had brought it to.
4. Peasants suffered because they had to work long hours to earn what money they could to support their families. Industry begins to emerge and the new innovations boost the economy a little bit, but the monarchy does not put forth any policy to help the English people succeed.
5. Religious persecution is high at this point; Catholics and Protestants are at odds. Catholics in Ireland are denied approval to participate in Parliament. England is still following archaic laws about how to deal with religious intolerance and persecution. (Torture, burning, drowning, etc.)