**FORMING YOUR ESSENTIAL QUESTION:**

1. **Identify your topic of interest in 1-3 words**
2. **How can your passion/interest be related to an issue in our society?**
3. **Using your passion or interest, identify one way that you could help fix this is issue.**

**Use one of the question stems below to form an essential” question that will guide your research.**

* What changes would you make to solve…
* How would you improve…
* What would happen if…
* What alternative can you propose…
* How can you invent…
* How would you adapt       to create a different…
* What could be done to minimize (maximize)…
* What way would you design…
* What could be combined to improve (change)…
* How would you test or formulate a theory for…
* What would you predict as the outcome of…

1. **My essential question for research**