Questions to Consider **BEFORE** Writing the IRR:

- How will I introduce the research question? How will I establish my lens or focus area?

- How will I establish the context of the problem (or issue) and make clear why it’s significant?

- What are the most relevant perspectives or stakeholders based on my research?

- How will I identify (and connect) perspectives/stakeholders for my reader?

- How might I structure my report? How could I fit this into an outline to help me stay focused?

- How might I integrate my sources/evidence in a way that will help me best explain the relevant perspectives?

Questions to Consider **WHILE** Writing the IRR:

- Am I following my pre-writing plan?

- Am I maintaining or losing focus (in any section of the report)?

- Am I demonstrating thorough analysis and evaluation by my purposeful use of sources/evidence?

- Am I providing enough of my own voice through purposeful commentary? Am I tying the evidence/sources back to my main ideas?

- Should I stray from my pre-writing plan in any way? How? Why?

- Am I attributing evidence properly?

- Am I providing information that will help my team get a fuller picture of the problem/issue?

- Am I providing new or intriguing insight into a narrow, focused channel of investigation within the broader topic? (For example 🡪 The health and medical ramifications within the broader topic of expanded government research for artificial intelligence)

Questions to Consider **AFTER** Writing the IRR:

- Did I introduce the research question? Did I establish my lens or focus area? Did I maintain this focus throughout the report?

- Did I establish the context of the problem (or issue) and make clear why it’s significant?

- Did I identify (and connect) relevant perspectives/stakeholders for my reader? Was my discussion always rooted in research?

- Is my report organized? Did I support my ideas logically?

- Does my report transition smoothly between paragraphs? Between evidence and commentary?

- Did I use transitions to show relationships between ideas (thus, therefore, on the other hand, conversely, additionally, furthermore, etc.)?

- Did I demonstrate thorough analysis and evaluation by my purposeful use of sources/evidence? Did my commentary fully elaborate on the source/evidence and make connections back to my main ideas?

- Did I maintain an academic voice throughout? Did I accidentally use any vague, informal, or colloquial language? Did I maintain precise use of language throughout?

- Are there any spelling, punctuation, capitalization, and/or grammar errors? Is there anyone I know who could help me check for these problems?

- Are my in-text citations correctly formatted? Is my bibliography (Reference page for APA, and Works Cited page for MLA) correctly formatted?

- Is there a direct link between the in-text citations and the bibliography?