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LET’S TAKE A LOOK...
ORGANIZING YOUR LITERATURE REVIEW
TOPIC DEVELOPMENT
BACKGROUND INFORMATION
FIND AN ANGLE
WHO, WHAT, WHEN WHERE AND WHY?
“The incidence of childhood obesity is rapidly rising throughout the world. The obesity epidemic is especially evident in industrialized nations where many people live sedentary lives and eat more convenience foods, which are typically high in calories and low in nutritional value. In just two decades, the prevalence of overweight doubled for U.S. children ages 6 to 11 — and tripled for American teenagers. The annual National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that about one-third of U.S. children are overweight or at risk of becoming overweight. In total, about 25 million U.S. children and adolescents are overweight or nearly overweight.”

— MAYO CLINIC
• Population: Adolescents, children ages 7-10, very young children

• Setting: high school, middle school, elementary school

• Location: United States, California

• Other factors: Teens’ attitudes, poverty, marketing
QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION

• Does the marketing of convenience foods impact the rate of obesity in adolescents?

• Is there evidence that removing convenience foods from high school cafeterias impacts the rate of obesity in teens?

• How are New Mexico public health agencies addressing the issue of convenience food availability and child obesity prevention?
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USE WHAT YOU FIND

EVIDENCE
LET’S FIND SOME EVIDENCE!