Guiding Questions for Doing the Methodology Stage/Section of Your Research Proposal

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- Using your research question and thesis statement as a guide, in your methodology section of the research proposal, provide answers to the following questions:
  1. What data or information does your research require and why?
  2. Where is the data/information located? Who has the data/information?
  3. Who will collect, record, analyze, display and interpret the data/information and why?
  4. What research approaches and logical reasoning will inform the collection, analysis, display, and interpretation of the data/information and why?
  5. What research designs/methods and research techniques or tools or instruments will you use to collect, analyze, display, and interpret your research data/information and why?
  6. What philosophy or theory or visions of the community will guide your decisions on type of data/information, research approaches and logical reasoning, research designs/methods, research techniques for your data/information collection, analysis, display and interpretation, and why?
  7. How (what processes/strategies) will you collect, record, analyze, display, and interpret the data you need for the research?
  8. How (what processes/strategies will) will you address the axiological implications of your selected data type, research philosophy, research approaches and logical reasoning, research designs, and research techniques, and why?
  9. When will the data/information be collected, for how long and why?
  10. How much funding (in kind and in cash) would you need for the research and why?
  11. How (processes/strategies) will you implement the research findings and why?
METHODOLOGY REPORT

- **Step 1:** Provide an Introduction to the methodology section showing a brief preview of what data/information and why that data/information, as well as the Indigenous philosophy/vision that guides your choice of research methods/designs, research techniques, implementation strategy, and your approach to addressing the ethical/protocol issues of your methodology.

- **Step 2:** Construct the body of the report to DISCUSS your research approach, reasoning, data collection, data analysis, display of themes/patterns, interpretation of themes/pattern, implementation of the research findings, ethics/protocols, and the connections among them.

- **Step 3:** Create a conclusion for the methodology section by stating the insight or utility it provides in the context of your research question and thesis statement.

- **Length:** 3 pages or shorter including the display (diagram or table or figure or map, or sketch).