

Why Do Research? Reflection Activity

In pairs or in a small group, answer these reflective questions in the time allotted:

1. List some of the technologies that you used/were exposed to from when you woke up this morning until this class. At one point these items were just an idea that needed development and that is where research comes in. Think about a world without these technology items. What would that be like?
2. What are some reasons why people do research? list as many as you can think of and be creative.
3. Research generates a lot of benefits for the researcher and society. What do researchers get out of the process? What about society/people in general? Write down as many as you might think of.
4. Reflect on what job you would like to have after graduation. How might a research experience help you succeed in that career?