What’s my question? (Example exercise)

Example assignment description:
• Use a minimum of four academic information sources.
• Establish ‘authority/reliability’ of sources based on CRAAP test.
• Sources should be current (i.e. from the last 10 years).

Put words or phrases in this box that summarize your current knowledge on the topic you’re researching. Or, use this box to brainstorm ideas on topics of interest.

Write a research paper that informs the reader about your topic, and why you have written about this particular topic. Appropriate in-text citation and a bibliography must be included in your paper.

Refer to assignment directions for more information. If you have more questions about the assignment, ask your teacher for guidance.

1) Your teacher,
2) Your school librarian,
3) Public librarians,
4) University librarians.

Key words:
Fracking, Ohio, environment, earthquakes.
(from highlighted words in previous box)

*Pro tip*: Trying to find actual names for jargon terms? In a Google search, type “[jargon] otherwise known as” (without quotations) – e.g. a search for fracking otherwise known as shows results for hydraulic fracturing, the scientific name for jargon term fracking.

An example of a descriptive topic summary sentence:
“A great deal of information on fracking is now available and in Ohio, some environmental evidence suggests a possible connection between fracking and earthquakes.”

For more information on what a keyword is and how to develop keywords from a topic/idea, view the following brief videos:
Developing keywords
Search using keywords

Refer back to box 1: How many sources and what type of sources are required to complete your assignment? For this assignment, you must use a minimum of four academic information sources.
What’s my research plan? (Practice sheet)