Picking Your Topic IS Research! (3-minute video from NCSU*)

What’s the video about? (Selected content from the video)

Research is not a one-way street. You might think that you should pick your topic right away, find sources and read through them, and then start writing your paper.

BUT, when you first pick a research topic, it isn't set in stone; it's just an idea to test with exploratory research. If it looks good, you find and read some more sources, and if not, the published research may lead you to another topic.

The research you find will guide you and help you tweak your topic. And after going through this cycle a few times, you may find that you have enough sources to start writing and editing your paper. Even then, as you're writing, you may need to pull in additional pieces of information and return to the research cycle.

*Watch the video/see the credits: https://www.lib.ncsu.edu/tutorials/picking_topic/