

STUDY GUIDE #3

This assignment provides you with an opportunity to launch into our next area of interest - *the qualitative research design*. Please read the assigned portions of Chapters 4, 5, 6 and 11 in your textbook. A short discussion of case studies, qualitative research, and individual qualitative methodologies can also be found in Chapter 1.

Answer the following questions. Each is worth 5 points for a total of 25 points for this assignment.

YOUR TOPIC:

1. Define qualitative research in your own words. What differentiates it from quantitative research?
2. What is meant by social context? Why is considering social context *critical* when conducting qualitative research? If you were going to study your topic qualitatively, how would you describe the social context in which your topic (or some aspect of your topic) is embedded.
3. What is a case study? Using your topic, what case or cases might be appropriate for you to study. Why did you select this/these case/s?
4. Why is qualitative research interpretive? Using your own words describe the orders of interpretation defined in your text book.
5. Both field research and historical-comparative methodologies are discussed in your textbook as examples of qualitative research designs. Write a research question to study some aspect of your topic using a field research design. Write another research question to study some aspect of your topic from a historical-comparative perspective.