

## **Chapter I Introduction and Statement of the Problem**

### *The Unresolved Issue in Education*

Describe the context of the problem.

### *Statement of the Problem*

State your Problem of Practice (POP).

### *Significance of the Problem*

Describe the purpose of the study.

Justify the need to conduct the study.

Explain why it is important to conduct the study.

### *Research Questions*

State your research question/s, rationale, and relationship to your POP.

### *Initial Definitions*

Define terms that you will use throughout the study.

### *Site Selection and Sample*

Describe the location of your study and sample participants.

### *Scope and Limitations of the Study*

State the scope and limitation of your study.

### *Assumptions, Background, and Role of the Researcher in the Study*

All research proceeds from a particular set of a priori assumptions, theoretical perspectives, firm opinions, and/or personal experiences related to the research topic. Such biases are not weaknesses in the research. Nevertheless, you should be reflective about you work and foreground the assumptions, perspectives, opinions, experiences, and so on, that shape you study. At a minimum, you need to “pay careful attention to you own and others’ racialized and cultural systems of coming to know, knowing, and experiencing the world” (Milner, 2007, p.338). These factors inform your choices during the study as well as the interpretation of findings.