Day 1 – Work-based Research Methods

In order to review Research Methods and further engage with the material we discussed on Day 1, I would encourage you to pay particular attention to the following texts from your module reading list:

Essential Texts:

- Cohen, L., Manion, L. and Morrison, K. (2011) *Research Methods in Education.* Abingdon: Routledge.
  - Part 3 (p. 217-374) and Part 4 (p. 375-534)
- Gill, J and Phil Johnson, (2012) *Research Methods for Managers*. (4th ed) London: Sage.
  - Part 2 (p. 69-184)
- Gray, D. E. (2004). *Doing Research in the Real World*. London: Sage.
  - Part B (p. 65-184) and Part C (p. 185-282)

Recommended Texts:

- Blaxter, L., Hughes, C. and Tight, M. (2010) *How to Research.* (4th ed) Maidenhead: Open University Press.
  - Chapter 3 (p. 54-98)
- Davies, M.B., (2007) *Doing a Successful Research Project - Using Qualitative and Quantitative Methods*. London: Palgrave.
  - Part 2 (p. 51-134) and Part 3 (p. 135-206)
- Saunders, M., Lewis, P. and Thornhill, A. (2009) *Research Methods for Business Students.* (5th ed) London: Pearson Education Ltd.
  - Chapters 9-11 (p. 288-413)
- Walliman, N. (2001) *Your Research Project: A step-by-step guide for the first-time researcher.* London: Sage
  - Chapter 7 (p. 268-333)

Remember that if you are using different editions of these texts, the page numbers might not be accurate

As you're reading, make sure to think about the perspective (or paradigm) of the author, and how this might influence the methods on which (s)he chooses to focus. What does this tell you? What can you learn from this? What might it mean for your own paradigm, and for your own research?