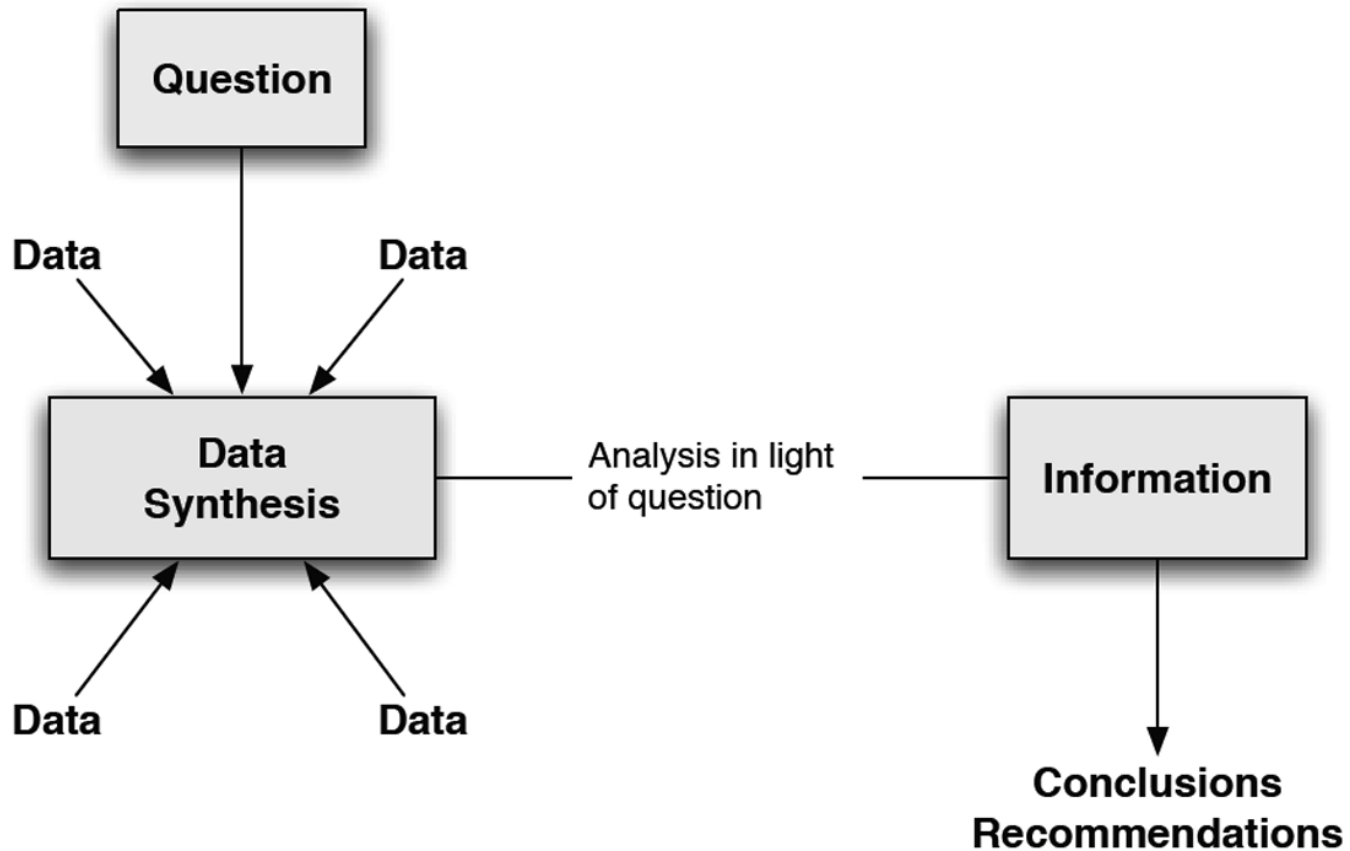


The Research Process

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= Knowledge

A Model for Research



“research is the use
of information to
solve a problem”

(Badke, Ch. 2, p, 24)

1. Assess Your Needs

- First step: read the assignment thoroughly
 - Why do you need the information?
- What kind of information do you need?
 - Guides where to look for sources

2. Preliminary Research Strategies

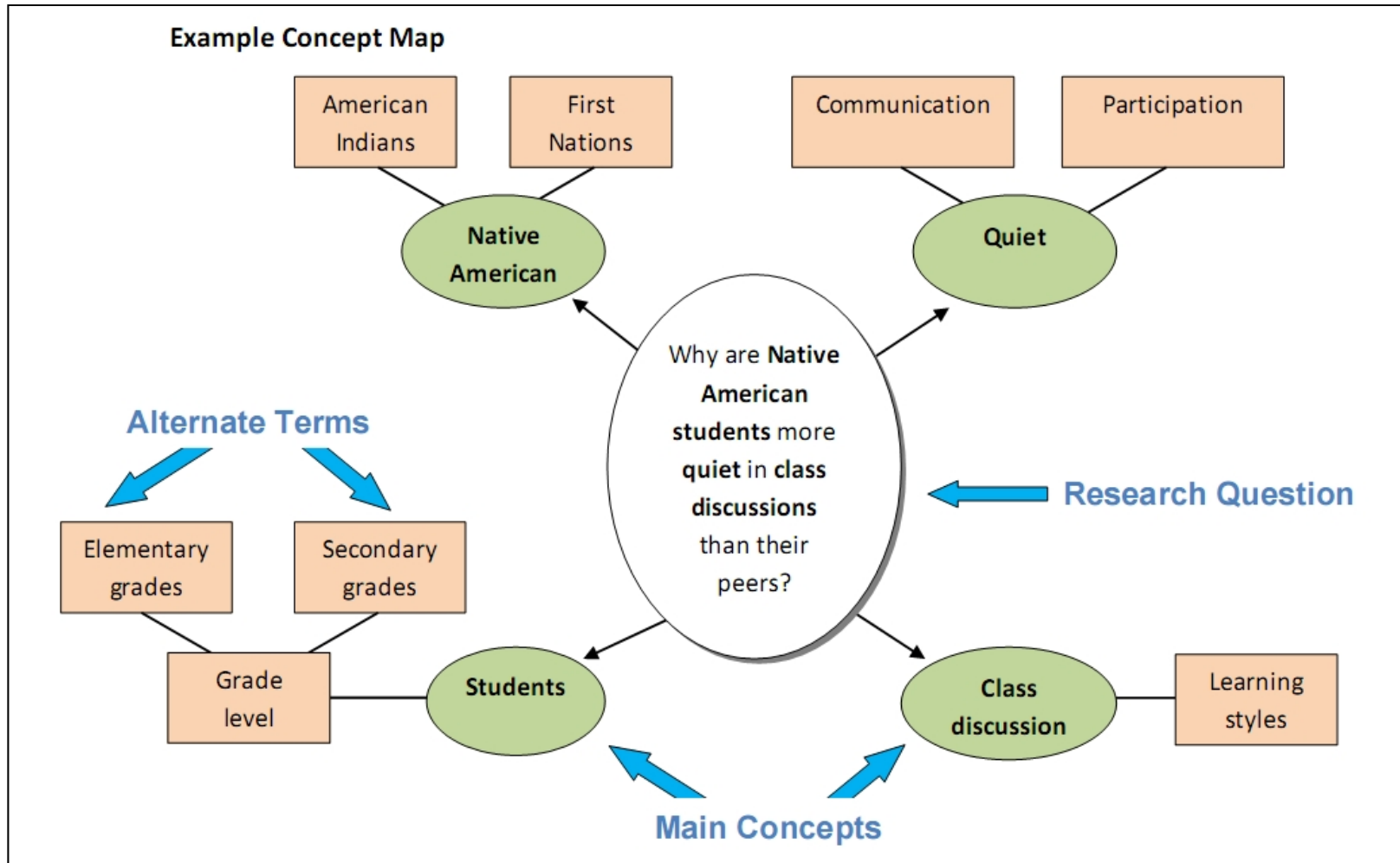
- Gathering background information
 - Internet sources
 - Reference sources
 - We've been working on this in class
- Why bother with background information?

3. Develop Your Topic and Question

- Research question is better than a thesis statement: why?
- NOT just reporting on a topic, but bringing multiple sources together and analyzing them to make new knowledge

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Exercise: Concept Mapping



(Hawkins, Fabbi, MacMillen, 2009, p. 103)

Blog Homework: Research Journal Post

You are working on choosing a topic and developing a research question for your paper. What difficulties (if any) have you encountered as you work on your research proposal? What strategies (if any) have you used successfully during this work? What questions (if any) do you have about the assignment?