Sample Assignments for Research is a Conversation

1. Provide students with a list of 3-5 sources from different perspectives that shape the conversation surrounding a topic of interest.

   Example sources: a news article, a tweet from a reputable source, a scholarly article & a literature review.

   Ask:
   
   • What perspectives are presented?
   • Who has the strongest voice in this conversation? Why?
   • How would you involve yourself in this conversation?

2. Ask students to conduct an investigation of a particular topic from its treatment in the popular media, and then trace its origin in conversations among scholars and researchers. How have perspectives changed and why?

   Example sources: news articles, tweets from reputable sources, magazine articles, blog entries, bestselling novels.