**Problem Statement Worksheet**

**CONTEXT**

**What is the current situation?**

**What is wrong with the current situation (i.e., what is the *problem*)?**

**What are the most recent events that led to the current situation?**

**What is the setting of the problem?**

**KNOWLEDGE GAP**

**What have researchers in *similar* settings explored or discovered?**

**What have researchers in *other* settings explored or discovered?**

**What remains unknown about the problem?**

While \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is known, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is unknown.

**SIGNIFICANCE**

**Why is it important to fill the knowledge gap?**

**Scope: How big is the problem, and how many people are affected in the field or specific context you are studying?**

**Consequences: What are the consequences of not addressing the problem?**

**Contribution: How will your study contribute to the problem’s solution? How does filling the gap help?**