You have been asked to write a 2,000 word research essay, based on an area that you want to explore from the topics covered between weeks 2 and 12 of the TDN2001 unit (chosen topic is attached below). You need to develop your own research question, and some examples of relevant research questions have been given to you.

Example question "How can design be an agent for social change in the public sphere?"

As part of the task, you need to include a discussion of at least two design artefacts (which can be images, objects or spaces), and each artefact should be created by a different designer. The research skills section of the rubric for this task asks you to cite at least 8 academic sources.

The task details state:

Consider the key terms and concepts associated with the perspective you wish to explore. Also, consider the historical and social context from which such perspectives emerged. Are the issues raised still relevant today? Do design works successfully demonstrate theoretical ideas or do they sometimes complicate them?