Project assignment 1: Research question

For this project, I want to study the relationship between students’ 8th grade reading ability and resources in their home. I believe that reading ability is related to family income, reading resources available in the home, and access to a home computer. Furthermore, it may be that part of the relationship between family income and reading ability is due to reading resources and home computers. These may be some of the things better off people buy to help their children learn to read.

The dependent variable for my project will be reading scores, as measured by READSC. The independent variables are FAMINC2 (for family income), HOMEREAD (for reading resources) and COMPUTER (for whether or not a computer is available in the home).