

# Researching the Context

Take some time to work through the questions below, writing your answers in the spaces given. This exercise will require you to do some research. You can use a Study Bible, commentaries, search engines, or helpful websites such as [www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com) or [www.blueletterbible.com](http://www.blueletterbible.com). Take your time to work through this section. The more thorough your research of the context, the better your understanding of the book you are studying.

Who is the author of this book? What do you know about him?

Who was the original audience for this book? What circumstances were they facing?

Where and when was this book written?

What is the genre of this book? What are some tips for studying this genre?

Why was this book written? What part does this book play in the bigger picture of the Bible?