Avoiding direct questions/using noun clauses

I want to investigate how

why

whether

Examples:

I am going to investigate the impact of industrial relocation in rural China. (OK as leading sentence, but doesn't say much of a specific nature.)

How are farmers being affected? What is the effect on the environment? Has relocation been received well or badly?

I am going to study the melding of modernism and vernacular architecture in country X.

Has modernism destroyed the vernacular style in country X? Has modernism been changed so that a new style has emerged? 21G.228 / 21G.227 Advanced Workshop in Writing for Social Sciences and Architecture (ELS) Spring 2007

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