

Research Guide

Please use this sheet as a guide for your research. It will serve as a reminder of what you have already searched, which will keep you from re-searching information that you have already found. **Research is a process and cannot be done over night, so START EARLY!**

The more you research, the *easier* it will be to develop your own research style.

Note: Librarians are ready and available to help you with any of your research needs.

Class: _____

Topic: _____

Step 1. Preliminary Research Questions

Some points to think about before you start your research.

- What is the *topic/issue* I want to write about? _____
- What types of references must I have? How many?
 - Books (Y/N): _____
 - Journal articles (Y/N): _____
 - If yes, does it need to be a scholarly (peer-reviewed) article? (Y/N)
 - Websites/Internet sources (Y/N): _____
- Do the sources need to be current? If so, what is the date range? (Y/N): _____

Step 2. Searching the Online Catalog

Search Terms/Keywords

Think small. Try using small, broad keywords, such as "literary criticism" or "biographical" with the title or author. Use the "Power Search" option for searching.

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Online Catalog Results

Title: _____ Call Number: _____

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