Research Tools

Resource-based research requires a great deal more than an internet search engine. Learn to use library resources well, and you'll be well on your way to success!

1. Choose and investigate your topic
   - Need help selecting a topic? Get ideas by browsing the databases on the [library home page](#).
   - Investigate your topic using an encyclopedia.
2. Look in other reference books for scholarly information on your topic. Good choices include:
   - [Credo](#)
   - [Gale Virtual Reference Library](#)
   - [Reference Universe](#) to search the indexes and tables of contents of print titles in the library.
3. Use the library catalog to find books on your topic.
4. Use Federal, State, and local government documents.
5. Use the Research Databases to find articles on your topic.
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6. [Evaluate](#) the information you acquire and read.
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