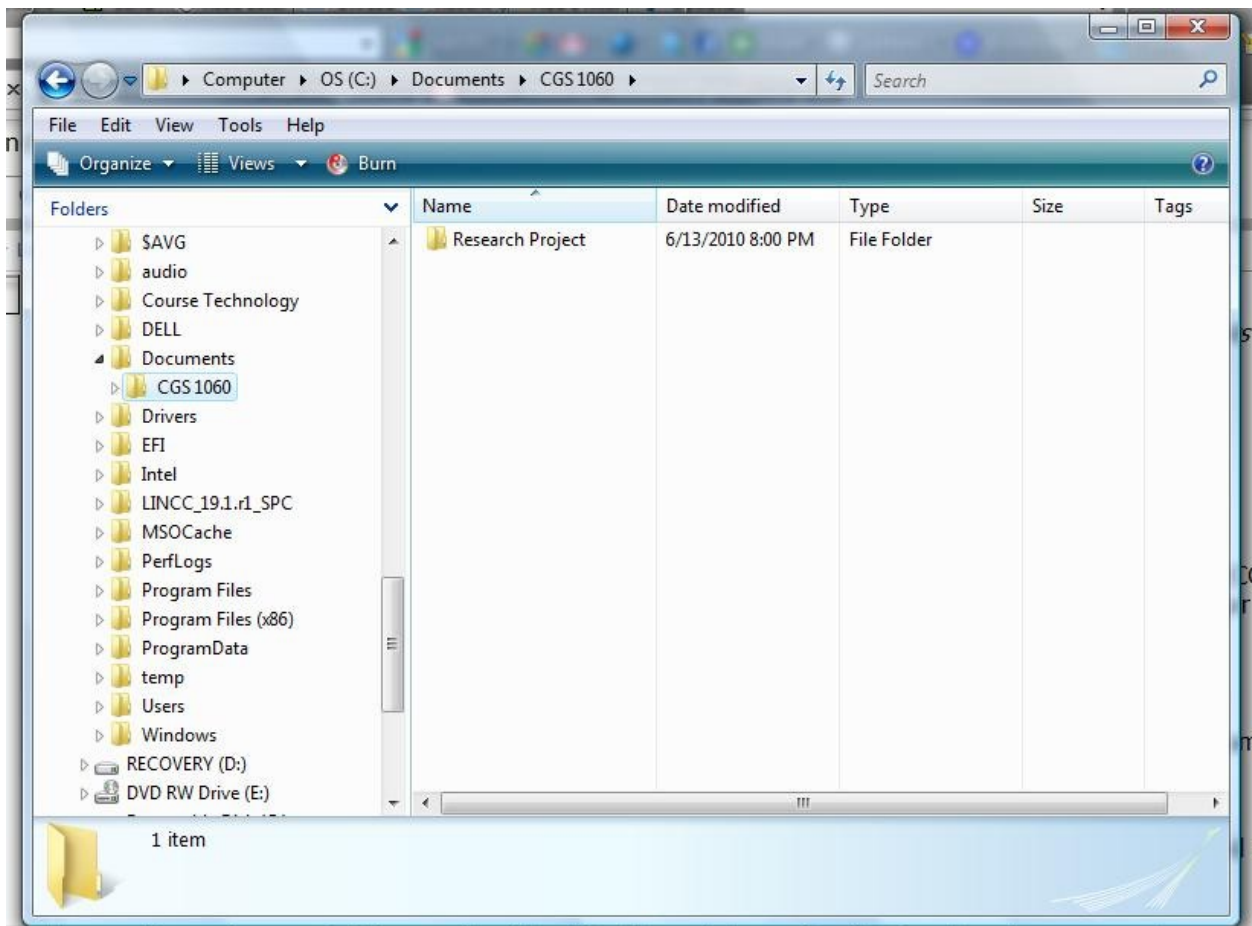

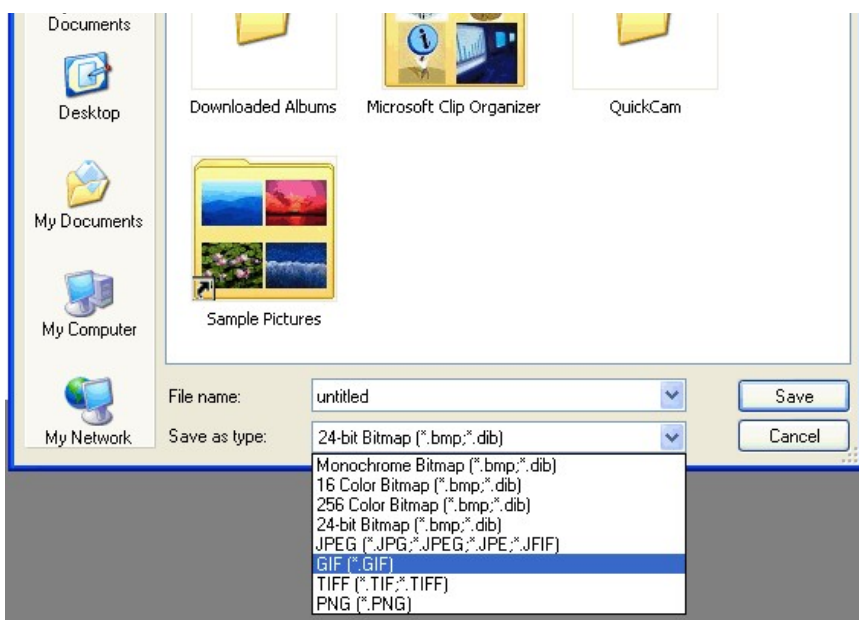


1. Choose a topic you would like to research and write about.
2. For topic ideas, visit one of the following websites:
  - [Hot Paper Topics](#)
  - [Research Questions: Persuasion](#)
  - [ProCon.org](#)
  - Lesson 4 (Research Strategies)
3. Follow the steps below to create a file that you will submit to the Project Activity 1 Dropbox.
  - Create two folders on your hard drive or flash drive. You may decide to create them in the *Documents* folder on your hard drive.
  - Name the first folder as *CGS 1060*.
  - Name the second folder as *Research Project*.
  - Move the second folder (Research Project) into the first folder.
  - Perform a [screenshot](#) (click Print Screen button on keyboard) of the folders, so that the main folder (CGS 1060) appears in the left navigational pane, and the second folder (Research Project) appears in larger window. The screenshot should look something like



- Open Microsoft Paint (Windows *Start* button and type in *mspaint*).
- Go to *Paste* in Microsoft Paint's menu toolbar to insert the screenshot into the program.
- Go to the **Paint** button that looks like this:  Choose *Save*. When it opens, look at the bottom of the dialog box where it says, "Save type as." By default it should be ".PNG," but you need to change it to GIF .qif. See below for an example of saving file as a .qif.





- Now enter your LastName as the title of the file, and change the directory drop-down menu where you are saving the file to the *Research Project* folder you created.
- Submit the .gif file in the **Project Activity 1 Dropbox**.

### Project: Activity 2

Construct a clear and compelling thesis statement using a thesis builder (first link below) and confirm that you're performing this task correctly with Tips and Examples (second link below).

- [Thesis Builders](#)
- [Tips and Examples for Writing Thesis Statement](#)

In a Word document, create a 3 column table and identify what you already know about your topic (bulleted list), what you would like to know (bulleted list), and your primary focus (only 3 using numbered list). It should look similar to this:

Topic: Health Care Reform

Thesis: Health care reform will make health care less expensive, extend coverage, and consequently help stabilize the economy.

What I already know (bullet list)	What I would like to know (bullet list)	My primary focus (number list)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I know this ...</li> <li>• I know that ...</li> <li>• I know this ...</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I would like to know ...</li> <li>• I would like to know ...</li> <li>• I would like to know ...</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Focus one ...</li> <li>2. Focus two ...</li> <li>3. Focus three ...</li> </ol>

### Project: Activity 3

Use [Google Advanced Search's](#) "search within a site or domain" feature to locate at least one website or article with a **.gov** or **.edu** at the end of its domain name. This site or article should support the topic and thesis you created in Lesson 2. When you find an appropriate Web source with either of these domain extensions, provide the following in a Microsoft Word document:

**Keywords and search fields used in Google Advanced Search to find your source:**

What words did you place in "all these words," "exact wording," "one or more of these words," "unwanted words," or "search within domain"? You do not have to use all fields but you must use the domain field.

**Name of individual or corporate/group author:**

For example, [this article's](#) author is Stewart Varner but [this site's](#) author is the Department of Energy. Reference any editor(s) as well.

**Title of website:**

Title appears in top left-hand corner of your browser

**Title of the article (if you chose an article):**

### Sponsoring Organization or Publisher:

Often times the sponsor's name or initials appear in the domain name; e.g., the site, <http://www.nhtsa.gov/Distracted>, contains the initials for the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration. Sometimes, the sponsoring organization and author can be the same, especially a group author.

### Date of Publication/Last Update:

Date is frequently displayed at the bottom of the page. If no date can be found, please note as such.

### Date of Access:

Date you found the source on the Web

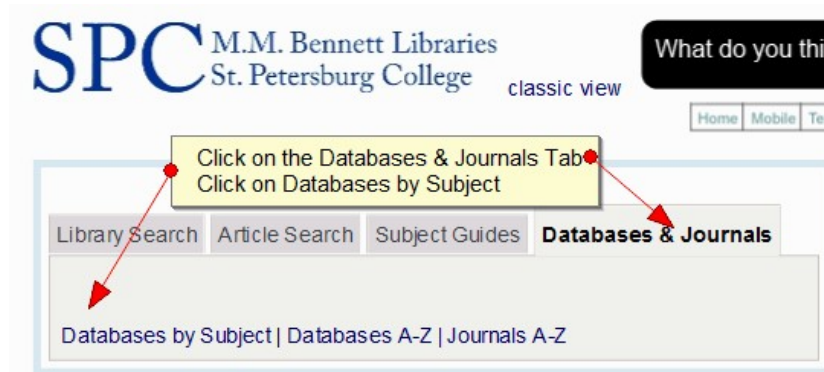
### URL/Web Address:

Be sure you're using a site with a **.gov** or **.edu** in its address.

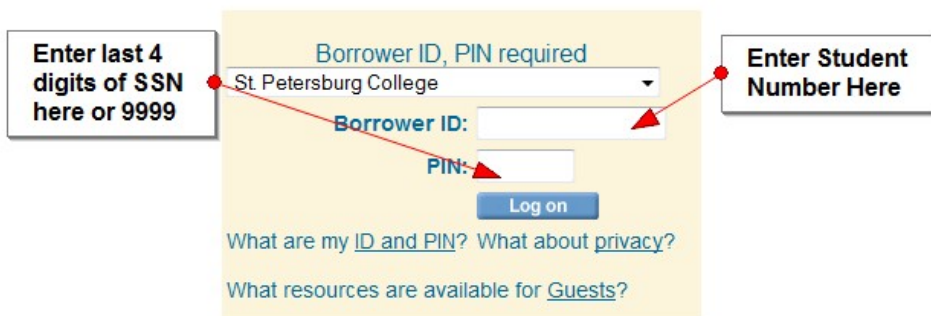
When completed, save the document with your last name as the filename and submit it to the Project Activity 3 Dropbox.

## Project: Activity 4

1. Go to the [Library Home Page](#)
2. Click on the **Databases & Journals** tab and then **Databases by Subject**



3. Log on with your **Borrower ID** (your student number) and your **PIN** (the last four digits of your social security number).



4. Click on **Reference Shelf**

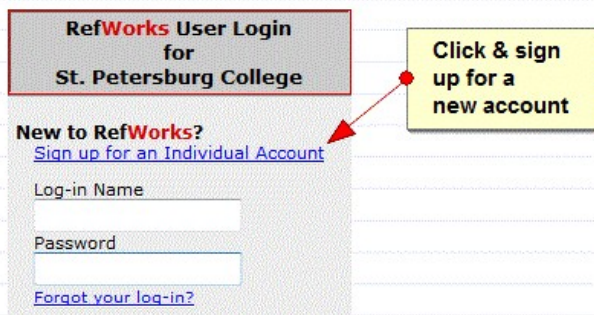
- [General](#)
- [Health and Medicine](#)
- [K-12](#)
- [Legal](#)
- [Library Catalogs](#)
- [Literature](#)
- [News and Current Events](#)
- [Reference Shelf](#)
- [Sciences](#)
- [Social Sciences](#)
- [Spanish Language](#)

Click here!

- Click on **RefWorks** in the Reference Shelf category & then click **Connect to Database**.



- Sign up for a free RefWorks account.



- Read over the Quick Start Guide when registration is completed. Do not sign out of the account. Keep the RefWorks window open.

### Getting Started

- Step 1:**
- Importing data directly from online databases
  - Importing data from saved text files
  - Importing records from other bibliographic management programs
  - Adding references manually

- Step 2:**
- Using Write-N-Cite
  - Using One Line/Cite View

- Step 3:**
- From your reference list
  - From your paper

Click here and read Quick Start Guide  
(direct link also appears below)


Need additional assistance getting started with RefWorks?

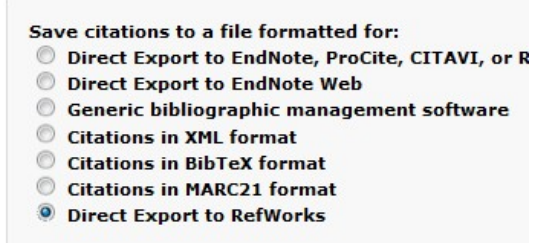
Why not view the Quick Start Guide?



- Use the link in this sentence to go to the database [Academic Search Complete](#) & click **Connect to Database**.
- Create a focused keyword search on your topic. Refine your search statement, using techniques such as Boolean operators and phrase searching. **Also, be sure to click the boxes on the Academic Search Complete interface associated with Full-text and Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Articles under Limit Your Results.** If need be, refer to course lessons on Identifying keywords, Revising your topic and searching, and Refining Search Statements.
- Find one article that has the most relevance to your topic and export its citation information into your RefWorks account. See RefWork's [Importing From Online Data Vendors](#) to locate the export button in a variety of databases.



- After clicking the export button , click the Direct Export to Refworks radio button (see below), and the citation information should go directly into your RefWorks account, so you can then cite from there in MLA/APA format and better manage your research.



- Evaluate both the scholarly article you just located and the Website you found in Lesson 3 according to at least five evaluative criteria. In your review, you may compare and contrast the two sources within each criterion. Display your evaluation in a Microsoft Word document. Create a six-column table with the first row being your header row. Also be sure to use a Table Style (found in the Design tab that opens under Table Tools when working in a Word table) to format your table.

You can read more about evaluating criteria for this assignment at the two links below. In addition, an example of the table you are to create appears below.

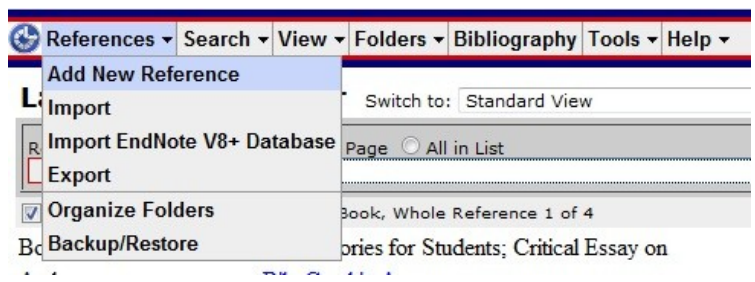
[Evaluating Websites](#)  
[Evaluating Sources](#)

Evaluative Criterion	Website	Peer-Reviewed Article
Authorship		
Objectivity		
Scope/Coverage		
Design/Organization		
Currency		

- When completed with the assignment, please submit it to the Project Activity 4 dropbox.

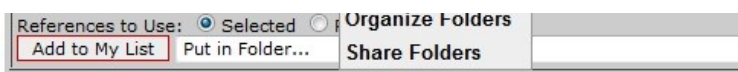
### Project Activity 5

- Locate your Webpage from Lesson 3
- Log in to [RefWorks](#)
- Click **References > Add New Reference**



- Choose either **MLA 7th Edition** or **APA 6th Edition** and add the required bibliographic material--at least as much as you can find--from your Webpage into RefWorks. Click **Save Reference** at the bottom of the screen when completed with the entry.
- Create a new folder in Refworks (see screenshot below) with your Last Name as the title. You MUST use your last name, in order to get credit for this assignment.

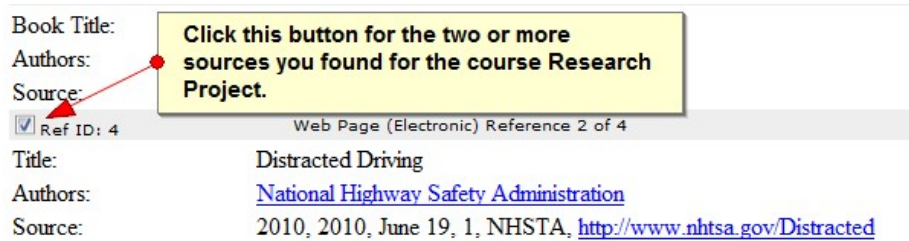




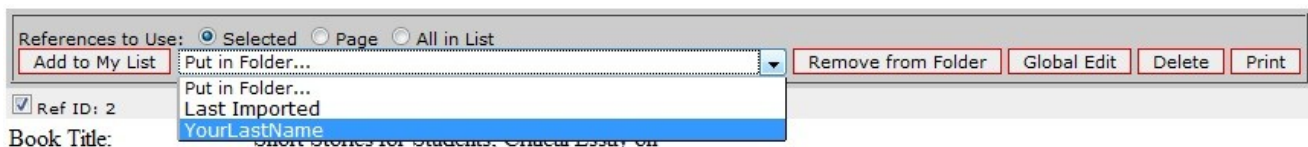
6. View **All References** you have added to RefWorks



7. Select all references (Ref ID) related to your Research Project. .



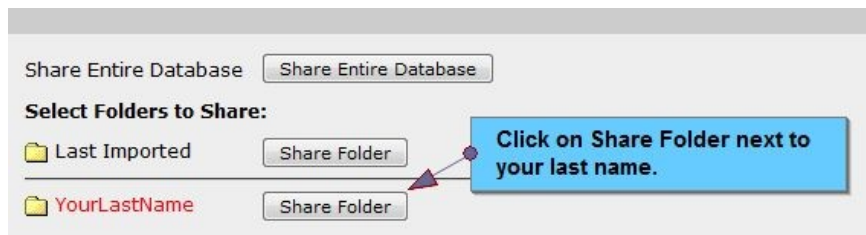
8. Use the **Put in Folder** option to move all selected references to the folder you created with your last name.



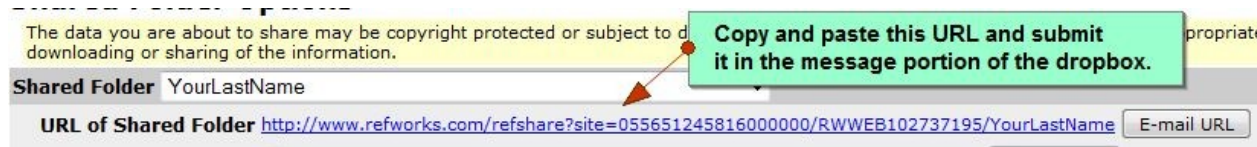
9. Go to **Folders > Share Folders**



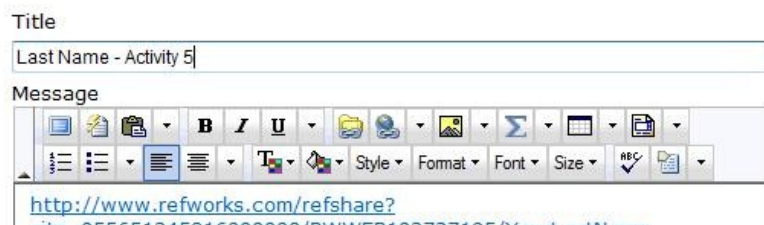
10. Click on the button next to your last name that says, "Share Folder."



11. Copy and paste the **URL of Shared Folder**.



12. Submit the URL to the message portion of the Project Activity 5 dropbox.



## Project Activity 6

1. Visit [Pew Research Center](#) and search for an article with a graph related to your research topic or browse for a subject of interest. **Note:** the Daily Number area of the site provides quick access to data and graphs.
2. Once you find a graph, copy it and then paste it into an Excel spreadsheet. Locate and select the first empty cell to the right of your pasted graph and then insert a brief comment (1-2 sentences) explaining why you selected the graph. Be sure to save your finished spreadsheet.
3. Use the RefWork's RefGrab-It tool to export your article from the Pew Research Center. Instructions on using the RefGrab-It tool are available at: <http://www.refworks.com/Refworks/BookMarket.asp> **Important:** you will be exporting a bibliography from RefWorks and posting it to the Project Reflection 6 discussion forum. More details are in the discussion forum.
4. Submit your finished spreadsheet to the Project Activity 6 dropbox.