

# RESEARCH - Where to Begin . . . check out the following six steps

## I. TOPIC SELECTION

Choose a topic of appropriate size which you are interested in researching. Keep in mind if it is too broad there will be too much information, but if it's too narrow you will not find enough information.

Checkout EBSCO's [Points of View Reference Center](#) for topic ideas and [Research Guides on Topic Selection](#) assistance.

## II. QUESTIONS to GUIDE your SEARCH

Think of questions about your topic that you want to investigate. What keywords and search phrases can you use to help you find answers to your research questions? What are various **resources** which are best for this topic (print, databases, television/radio transcripts, personal interview, or websites)? What advanced search options can you use to narrow your searches?

[Selecting Search Terms](#) and the order in which you enter them affects the order that pages appear in your results.

# RESOURCES

<b>BOOKS</b>	<b>SUBSCRIPTION DATABASES</b> password required away from school Text a Librarian 785-260-0015	<b>SEARCH ENGINES</b> <b>REMEMBER:</b> <b>Evaluation!!!</b>
<a href="#">WRHS Online Card Catalog</a> books, videos, audio books, citation assistance and more <a href="#">demonstration</a>	<b>EBSCO</b> magazines, newspapers, coverage of controversial issues, biographies, literature, fiction reading <b>EBSCOhost Web, Points of View Reference Center, Student Research Center, Literature Reference Center</b> <a href="#">slideshare demonstration</a> Ebsco Mobile <a href="#">video tutorial</a>	<a href="#">Basic</a> Google Search Help Google Search <a href="#">Features</a> <a href="#">Explore</a> Google Search Google <a href="#">Directory</a>  <b>Advanced Google</b> <b>Google Scholar</b> <b>Google Books</b>
<a href="#">Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library</a> 1515 SW 10th Avenue <a href="#">directions</a>	<b>NEW!</b> <a href="#">Gale Opposing Viewpoints in Context</a> news, video, audio w/ language translation, maps & more! <a href="#">Navigating the Homepage</a> <a href="#">Searching</a> <a href="#">Topic Pages &amp; Documents</a>	Yahoo <a href="#">search tips</a> <b>Yahoo Advanced</b> <b>Yahoo Directory</b> <b>Bing</b> Ask <a href="#">advanced search tips</a> <b>Ask Advanced</b> <b>Domain Name Ownership</b>
<a href="#">Washburn University Libraries</a> 1700 SW College Avenue <a href="#">campus map</a> <b>ATLAS: Associated Topeka Libraries Automated System</b>	<b>Grolier Online Encyclopedias</b> 3 encyclopedias plus a Spanish encyclopedia, New Book of Popular Science, Lands and Peoples, & America the Beautiful <a href="#">slideshare demonstration</a>	<b>Meta Search Engines</b> <a href="#">Dogpile</a> <a href="#">Ixquick</a> <a href="#">Metacrawler</a> <a href="#">Metasearch</a> <a href="#">Pandia Metasearch</a> <a href="#">Wolframalpha</a> <a href="#">Yippy</a>
<a href="#">State Library of Kansas</a> Capitol Bldg, Rm. 169W, 300 SW 10th Avenue <a href="#">directions</a>	<b>Green Book of Songs by Subject</b> Ask a Librarian for username & password	<b>RELIABLE WEBSITES:</b> <b>IPL2</b> Internet Public Library & Librarians' Internet Index <b>Library of Congress</b>
<a href="#">Topeka Genealogical Society</a>	<a href="#">State Library of Kansas</a> books, information, and more <a href="#">Explore Our Resources</a> <b>Academic One File, General One File</b> <a href="#">Power Search</a> <a href="#">Understanding Search Results</a> <a href="#">Advanced</a> Power Search <a href="#">Subject</a> Power Search <a href="#">Publication</a> Power Search	<a href="#">Informine</a> : Scholarly Internet Resource Collections <a href="#">BUBL</a> : Catalogue of Internet Resources
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## III. NOTES

Once you have found the information you need, take notes by **summarizing**, **paraphrasing**, or **quoting** with use of parenthetical citations (also known as in-text citation).

[Notetaking Template](#)

[Using Quotations, Paraphrasing and Summaries in Essay](#)

Online Citation Tools:

[Bib Me](#)

[Citation Machine](#)

[Citation Maker](#)

[Easy Bib](#)

Easy Bib [Citation Examples](#)

[Steps for Using](#) Easy Bib

Easy Bib's Power Point Presentation [Creating a Successful Research Project](#)

## **IV. OUTLINE**

Organize the gathered notes of information.

Study Guides and Strategies - Organizing Research: [creating note cards](#) or [organizing with computers & avoiding plagiarism](#)

## **V. ROUGH DRAFT**

Use your informational notes to create the first draft of your project.

[Writing the Rough Draft](#)

## **VI. EDIT**

Evaluate the product by correcting errors, and making improvements. Use self and peer editing.

[Editing and Proofreading](#)

**Final Product:** After final edits, your research will be ready to be presented.