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What is Research?


Research is a way of gaining knowledge through a process of collection data or information from a variety of sources to prove something is true or correct.

STEPS:

1. Select your social issue.
2. Decide whether you are **Pro** (in favor) or **Con** (against) the social issue.
3. Some **print resources** have been placed on reserve in the library for your use. To locate additional print resources, use the library **OPAC**. Search by using keywords and related terms. Broaden or narrow your terms to identify potential resources. (For example, censorship, banned books, freedom of speech, etc.) Use the **call numbers** shown in the OPAC to locate the books. Use the table of contents, index, and skimming/scanning to narrow down your search. If you find helpful information, add to your [bibliography](#) .
4. Take **GOOD NOTES!** Good notes :
 - are written in your own words
 - use short phrases
 - include specific information
 - contain numbers and/or convincing statistics
 - have quotes from experts on the topic
 - MAKE SENSE!
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SUGGESTED DIGITAL SOURCES

Cecil County Public School Digital Databases. (SIRS Knowledge Source) Ask Mrs. Slacum for At-Home usernames and passwords.
<http://media.ccps.org/digitaldatabase/index.html> 

Multnomah County Library

<http://www.multcolib.org/homework/sochc.html> 

Best Information on the Net

<http://library.sau.edu/bestinfo/Hot/hotindex.htm> 

King County Library System

http://www.kcls.org/hhelp/show_subcategories.cfm?parentid=1598 

Wise to Social Issues

<http://socialissues.wiseto.com/AZIndex/> 

Pro/Con Issues

<http://www.procon.org> 

Internet Public Library 2

<http://www.ipl.org/div/subject/index.html> 

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