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Identify your topic and gather background information

Put your topic in the form of a question.

Use *encyclopedias* and *textbooks* to gather background information before you start.
Use the library catalog to find

BOOKS

Campus library catalog
Use Indexes and databases to find

**Periodical Articles**

- Scholarly Journals
- Substantive News/ General Interest Periodicals
- Popular Periodicals

InfoTracOneFile
Lexis Nexis
Find Internet Sources
Evaluate Your Sources

**Authority**
**Accuracy**
**Perspective or objectivity**
**Currency of the information**
Properly Cite Your Sources

Modern Language Association (MLA)
or
American Psychological Association (APA)

Follow the format chosen exactly as shown