

HOW TO BEGIN RESEARCH

- **Compile a list of subject key words.** You will use them when researching
- **Think of synonyms** (words that mean the same thing)
- **Check the spelling.** Searching in the library catalog or databases won't correct your spelling.
- **Start small.** Find between 5-10 resources that match your subject. Analyze these sources for your paper before gathering more.
- **Create a rough outline.** Based on the information you have already collected, write down a summary of what you want to cover in your paper.

WHERE TO LOOK FOR INFORMATION

When should I use books?

- For in-depth overviews or historical background on a subject.
- Look for books using the Catalog on the Library website.

When should I use a database?

- For scholarly research articles that give specific case data or recent developments in an area.
- Access databases from the **Useful Links** bar in the Catalog.

When should I use the Web?

- For demographic statistics or VERY current information that has not yet been published academically

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HEALTH and WELLNESS WRITING HELP

The Student Writer: editor and critic

PE 1408 .C537 2010

A Troubleshooting Guide for Writers: strategies and process

PE 1408 .C5378 2010

The McGraw Hill Handbook

PE 1408 ..M3365 2010

Text and Thought: an integrated approach to college reading and writing

PE 1413 .R38 2000

Communicating Technical Information: a guide to current uses and abuses in scientific and engineering writing

PE 1478 .R3

Online Writing Lab at Purdue University

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/>

Medicine Spring Library

338-5441 x2701

<http://library.bfcc.edu>

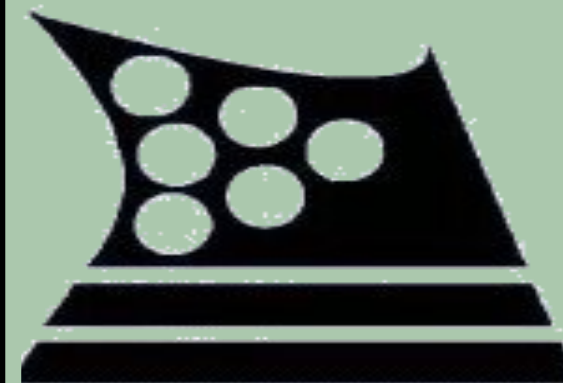
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