

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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LIBERAL ARTS WRITING HELP

Sentence Basics: diction, usage, and mechanics

LB 1964 .S6 1994

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

Media Writer's Handbook: a guide to common writing and editing problems

PN 4783 .A76 2009

Purdue Online Writing Lab

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

Medicine Spring Library

338-5441 x2701

<http://library.bfcc.edu>

Blackfeet Community College

517 SE Boundary St.

PO Box 819

Browning, MT 59417

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Research at:

Medicine

Spring

Library

Books

The following are Library of Congress sections for possible Liberal Arts research topics

A	General Works
B	Philosophy (General)
C	Auxiliary Science of History
D	World History
E	History of the Americas E 75-99 Indians of North America
F	United States Local History
G	Geography
H	Social Sciences
J	Political Science
K	Law
L	Education
M	Music
N	Fine Arts
P	Language and Literature PN Literature (General) PR English Literature PS American Literature
Q	Science
R	Medicine
S	Agriculture
T	Technology
U	Military Science
V	Naval Science
Z	Bibliography, Library, Information Resources

Databases

EBSCO Host

- Provides online access to several Liberal Arts research publications.
Academic Search Elite
ERIC
History Reference Center
- Literary Research Center

Credo Reference

- Encyclopedic entries on any subject. A good place to start basic research.

Ancestry/Heritage Quest

- Only available on campus, trace your ancestry and find your roots.

Websites

- Google Scholar
<http://scholar.google.com>
- Directory of Open Access Journals
<http://www.doaj.org>
- HighWire Press
<http://highwire.stanford.edu/cgi/search/>
- JSTOR (*BCC does not have a subscription to this database, but if you find an article here that you couldn't find in EBSCO see library staff for an interlibrary loan.*)
<http://www.jstor.org>

Interlibrary Loan

If there is a book that you need for your research please see the library staff to help you get an interlibrary loan.

To help staff out please find the item you are looking for in <http://www.worldcat.org> before asking.

Print Journals

Journal of Higher Education

L 11 .J78

The Nation

AP 2 .N18

National Geographic

G 1 .N27

Phi Delta Kappan

LJ 121 .P4

Rolling Stone

ML 3533.8 .R67

Smithsonian

AS 30 .S6

Southwest Art

N 6525 .S8

Stone Soup

PS 508 .C5 S76

Time

AP 2 .T37

Tribal College Journal

E 97.55 .T75

Writer's Digest

PN 101 .W82

USA Today (newspaper)


denotes

Native American Authors
throughout the entire
collection