

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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PIIKUNI STUDIES WRITING HELP

Natives and Academics: researching and writing about American Indians

E 76.8 .N37 1998

Tribal Writes: the correspondence guide for Native Americans

REF HF 5726 .R36 1995

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

Medicine Spring Library

338-5441 x2701

<http://library.bfcc.edu>

Blackfeet Community College

517 SE Boundary St.

PO Box 819

Browning, MT 59417

PIIKANI STUDIES



Research at:

Medicine

Spring

Library

Books

The following are Library of Congress Call Numbers for possible Piikuni Studies and Native American research topics

Piikuni Studies

E 99 .K15	Kainah Indians
E 99 .P58	Piegian Indians
E 99 .S54	Siksika Indians, Blackfeet Reservation
PM 2341-4	Siksika Language
BKFT	Blackbound section in Archives
BCC/BKFT	Video collection of BCC events/workshops

Native American General

E 75—E 99	Indians of North America
E 78	Archaeology
E 81-88	Historical Events
E 89-90	Biographies
E 91-93	Government Relations
E 97	Education
E 98	Native Social Life
E 99	Individual Tribes
ML 3557	Native Music
PM 1-7356	Native Languages
PS 508 .I5	Native Literature



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Native American Authors throughout the entire collection

Databases

EBSCO Host

- Provides online access to several Native American and multicultural research publications.

Credo Reference

- Encyclopedic entries on Native American tribes, languages and activities. A good place to start basic research.

Ancestry/Heritage Quest

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

Print Journals

American Indian Art Magazine

E 98 .A7 A43

American Indian Culture and Research Journal

E 75 .A5124

Journal of American Indian Education

E 97 .J66

Montana: The Magazine of Western History

F 726 .M742

National Museum of the American Indian

E 51 .N26

Studies in American Indian Literatures

PM 151 .A87

Tribal College Journal

E 97.55 .T75

Newspapers

Glacier Reporter—located in the archive room, dates available from 1934-1988, 2001-current.

Windspeaker—Aboriginal news throughout Alberta and Canada

Alberta Sweetgrass—Aboriginal news in Alberta

Various other Native American Newspapers in the Archive Room

Websites

Piikuni Studies

- Blackfoot Digital Library
<http://blackfootdigitallibrary.org>
- Kainai Studies online campus
<http://kainaistudies.com>

Native American

- Bureau of Indian Affairs Document Library
<http://www.bia.gov/DocumentLibrary/index.htm>
- National Archives: Native American Heritage Records
<http://www.archives.gov/research/native-americans/>
- National Museum of the American Indian
<http://www.nmai.si.edu/searchcollections/>

Native American Law

- Montana Indian Law Portal
<http://www.indianlaw.mt.gov>
- Indian Affairs: laws and treaties
<http://digitallibrary.okstate.edu/kappler>
- National Indian Rights Fund (NARF)
<http://www.narf.org>

Statistics Data

- Montana Office of Indian Affairs
<http://www.tribalnations.mt.gov>
- US Census: American Indian and Alaska Native
<http://www.census.gov/aian/>
- Center for Disease Control: American Indian & Alaska Native Populations
<http://www.cdc.gov/minorityhealth/populations/REMP/aian.html>