HOW TO RESEARCH

FOR YOUR ESSAYS

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# SEARCH STRATEGY

1. What’s your topic?
2. What keyword synonyms will you search in the databases?
3. Which general resource(s) and which specific resource(s) will you use for your essay? *For example, a general resource is the World Encyclopedia of Police Forces and a specific resource is American Journal of Criminal Justice from the EBSCO database.*

# PULL IT TOGETHER

1. Look through the articles you have and take notes on what the authors say.
2. How would you explain your argument to a coworker?
   1. What’s your claim?
   2. What’s your evidence?
   3. Does any research disagree with your claim?
   4. What’s your response to the objections?

# GIVE CREDIT

1. Did you include an author’s idea in your paper?

⃞ Yes

⃞ No

1. Did you paraphrase?

⃞ Check your paraphrase by comparing it to the original source. Is your wording and sentence structure unique?

⃞ Did you include an in-text citation after your paraphrase?

1. Did you use the exact words from a sentence you read?

⃞ Did you put the exact words in quotation marks?

⃞ Is there an in-text citation with a page number in the sentence?