



## Research Process

### Analyze your topic

- Determine the key issues/concepts
- Get background information
- What is the context? E.g. time period, geography, field of study
- Pose your topic as a question – all research answers questions

### Use Tools to Find Sources

- Library Catalogue
- Research Databases
- Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources subject guide
- Internet
- Dictionaries and Thesauri
- Encyclopaedias
- Textbooks
- Journal Articles

### Evaluate

- Is it useful & relevant?
- Is it appropriate?
- How does it fit into what I have already found?
- How does it help me answer my research question?
- Does it reveal new issues to be examined?
- Am I done with my research?

### Apply

- Apply the results of your research to your research question
- Synthesize your argument

### Then: Write

- Write up your research
- Cite your sources