

Research plan

1. What information do I need?

Title/topic:

What are the concepts/ ideas/ themes that make up my topic?

*Think of synonyms, alternative spellings and variant forms of words.
Consider narrow, specific and broad words related to the concept.*

First Concept:

Second Concept:

Third Concept:

Write down relevant date limits, language limits, geographic region, format of information eg: video, web page

2. What do I already know/where should I look for more information?

Knowledge and resource brainstorming

Write down known key facts, authors, organisations, recommended reading, Web sites, experts, including your Liaison Librarian that will be useful for researching your topic.

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Name of database	Type of search
1.	<input type="checkbox"/> Search string using keywords <input type="checkbox"/> Subject headings <input type="checkbox"/> Other types of searches eg: author, journal title.
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<p>Reflection</p> <p><i>Too little information?</i> Try different words. Think about different ways to approach the topic.</p> <p><i>Too much information?</i> Try limiting by language, date or other options offered by the database. Try adding more words to the search.</p>	<p>Database searches: notes</p>
<p>Internet</p>	
<p>Tips</p> <p>Use the help button on each search tool to find out about its unique features and the best way to construct your search. Some search tools allow the use of AND/OR functions, nesting and truncation. Use advanced search functions where available to make your search more specific Use search engines for finding specific information using uncommon words or if you wish to search a large number of websites Use subject directories for finding reviewed sites or if you want to browse through resources by category Use information gateways if you want information compiled by subject specialists Use several search tools for wider coverage</p>	
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<p>2. Name:</p> <p>Type of search tool: <input type="checkbox"/> search engine <input type="checkbox"/> subject directory <input type="checkbox"/> information gateway</p>	<p>Search string</p>
<p>3. Name:</p> <p>Type of search tool: <input type="checkbox"/> search engine <input type="checkbox"/> subject directory <input type="checkbox"/> information gateway</p>	<p>Search string</p>
<p>Reflection</p>	<p>Internet search: notes</p>
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<p>Experts</p>	
<p>Use experts as additional sources of information.</p> <p>Prepare by thoroughly researching the topic beforehand.</p>	<p><i>List people who are expert in this area and their contact details</i></p>
<p>Need Help?</p>	
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