

# Research Tools

Resource-based research requires a great deal more than an internet search engine. Learn to use library resources well, and you'll be well on your way to success!

1. Choose and investigate your topic
  - Need help selecting a topic? Get ideas by browsing the databases on the [library home page](#).
  - Investigate your topic using an encyclopedia.
2. Look in other reference books for scholarly information on your topic. Good choices include:
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  - [Gale Virtual Reference Library](#)
  - [Reference Universe](#) to search the indexes and tables of contents of print titles in the library.
3. Use the [library catalog](#) to find books on your topic.
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4. Use Federal, State, and local government documents.
5. Use the Research Databases to find articles on your topic.
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