

Research Steps to Remember

Step 1

Identify Your Topic

What is the question you want to answer?

Step 2

Select your source/s

Print: Bibliographies, atlas, almanacs, encyclopedias, dictionaries, yearbooks, handbooks, biographies

Digital: Databases, Online Encyclopedias, Student Search Engines, General Search Engines

Step 3

Design Your Search

Specific to General
General to Specific

Specific to General

Orion
Constellations
Stars
Astronomy

General to Specific

Astronomy
Stars
Constellations
Orion

Use a thesaurus, boolean search, and limiters to narrow your search

Step 4

Evaluate Your Information

Check for:
- relevancy
- authority
- currency
- objectivity

Step 5

Cite the Information You Use!

MLA or APA?