



PRE-SEARCH

This is the step in the research process that is most flexible. Pre-search options range from brainstorming to class work or homework, and can be done individually or in a group. Pre-search allows you to look at a problem and think about how you are going to solve it. The goal of the pre-search step is for you to clarify exactly what you want to research and to determine ways to find the necessary resources. If the initial research does not meet your expectations, this step may have to be revisited.

Ready to begin?

1. Choose a topic you are interested in. Write down what you already know about the subject.
2. Define your question. State your search terms.

What information will you look for?

What do you expect to find out?

3. Name some potential resources: books, databases, web pages, interviews, etc.