



## City College Libraries

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### Research Strategy

1. Develop a research question
2. Think of key words
3. Choose a resource to search
4. Look for information
5. Read
6. Evaluate the information you find
7. Modify your search
8. Take notes
9. Citing sources

### Finding Resources

Books, Government Documents

#### CUNY+

<http://www.ccny.cuny.edu/library/CUNYplus.html>

Government Documents - Resources

<http://www.ccny.cuny.edu/library/Divisions/Government/GOVPUBS.html>

### Articles

CUNY Licensed Resources – journals, newspapers, e-books

<http://www.ccny.cuny.edu/library/Menu.html>

<http://www.ccny.cuny.edu/library/Serials/jnlsIndex.html>

Subject related databases

CIAO (Columbia International Affairs Online - <http://www.ciaonet.org/>)

EBSCOHOST – select Academic Search Premier, MasterFILE, TOPICsearch

InfoTrac Databases - [Informe](#) , National Newspaper Index , Custom Newspapers

[J-Stor](#), Lexis-Nexis, Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center, World Cat

### Research Resources by Subject

<http://www.ccny.cuny.edu/library/ccnysubjectindex.html>

## Style Guides

### Online Style Guides

<http://www.bedfordstmartins.com/online/citex.html>

- *Chicago Manual of Style*
- *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (APA)*
- *Scientific Style and Format: The CBE Manual for Authors, Editors, and Publishers*
- *Turabian Style Guide* <http://www.lib.usm.edu/~instruct/guides/turabian.html>

### Evaluating Websites

**Everything is NOT on the Web – AND – what’s there is NOT ALWAYS TRUE!!**

- 1) Evaluating Information Found on the Internet – John Hopkins Univ.  
<http://www.library.jhu.edu/researchhelp/general/evaluating/index.html>
- 2) Evaluating Web Pages: Techniques to Apply and Questions to Ask – UC Berkeley  
<http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/TeachingLib/Guides/Internet/Evaluate.html>
- 3) Thinking Critically about Discipline-Based Worldwide Web Resources  
Esther Grassian, UCLA College Library  
<http://www.library.ucla.edu/libraries/college/help/critical/discipline.htm>

### HOW TO ACCESS DATABASES FROM OFF CAMPUS ONLY For City College ID Holders

- 1) Go to **City College Library** homepage: <http://www.ccny.cuny.edu/library>
- 2) Click “**Quick Links to Selected Resources**” – At bottom of page
- 3) Click on the database you wish to access
- 4) **RETURN USERS:** Sign in with email and password you created.
- 5) **FIRST TIME USERS:** Type in your 14-digit CCNY ID barcode.
  - a. You now create email logon and password.
  - b. Then sign in as a “Return User”
- 6) **FORGOT PASSWORD:** Type in your 14-digit CCNY ID barcode.

