



City College Libraries

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

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Finding Resources

Books, Government Documents

CUNY+

- <http://www.ccny.cuny.edu/library/CUNYplus.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– *EBSCO Host Premier (PSYCOINFO, PSYCHArticles, JStor*

Research Resources by Subject

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

Style Guides

Please Note: Your professor should indicate which of these styles they prefer you to use in your paper.

Style Guide, also known as style manual or stylebook, dictates what format for bibliographies you need to use.

1. **APA style** (format for psychology and the social sciences created by the American Psychological Association)
 - a. An excellent APA citation guide from the Ohio State University
<http://www.library.osu.edu/sites/guides/apagd.html>
2. **Chicago Style** (format used in the fine arts and some fields in the humanities, but not literature)
 - a. An excellent Chicago citation guide from the Ohio State University
<http://www.library.osu.edu/sites/guides/chicagogd.html>
3. **MLA Documentation – University of Wisconsin-Madison**
 - a. Excellent MLA Documentation fro the UW-Madison
<http://www.wisc.edu/writing/Handbook/DocMLA.html>

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.



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Password:	
	or
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