
Search strategies

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| Topic | What is your topic? Can you state it in your own words? |
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| Keywords | What are the keywords for your topic? Think of: Who is involved? What is it? Where is it? Why is this important? When did this take place? |
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| Start | Where should you start your search? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If you are not sure of your topic, an <i>encyclopedia</i> is a good place to start.• If there are words that you are not familiar with, a <i>dictionary</i> can help you.• Check out <i>encyclopedias</i> for more information. Your library staff will help you select which encyclopedia to use. |
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| Select | Where would it be best to start your search? A print book? Which online product to use? Your teacher or library staff member can help you here. Do not forget to check out websites at http://www.hcdsb.org Choose <i>Students, Library</i> and then <i>elementary</i> or <i>secondary</i> . Start with <i>General resources</i> . |
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| Search | Try your search. Your teacher or library staff are here to help. |
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| Scan | Look at what results you get from your search. Do the results look reliable? Do they answer your question? Do you see a term that is used more often than yours? This may be a better term or keyword to use. |
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| Use | If the results answer your topic, use them. |
| Revise | If the results do not answer your topic, revise your search and start again. |
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| Communicate and create | How do you have to present your findings? If unsure, ask your teacher. |