



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 -Academic Search Premier, Contemporary Women's Issues, Black Drama, EBSCO Host Premier, Ethnic Newswatch, Gale Literature Resource Center, Lexis-Nexis, Biography Index, America History and Life, New York Times Historical

Research Resources by Subject

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

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. **CBE Style** (format common in the health sciences, physics, mathematics, and other disciplines created by Council of Biology Editors style, now named the Council of Science Editors)
 - a. An excellent CBE citation guide from the Ohio State University
<http://library.osu.edu/sites/guides/cbegd.html#cbeintro>
3. **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>
4. **MLA Documentation – University of Wisconsin-Madison**
 - a. Excellent MLA Documentation fro the UW-Madison
<http://www.wisc.edu/writing/Handbook/DocMLA.html>
5. **Turabian Style** (academic style based on the Chicago Style)
 - a. An excellent Turabian citation guide from the Ohio State University
<http://www.library.osu.edu/sites/guides/turabiangd.html>

Connecting to Databases from Off Campus

- Go to CCNY Quicklinks <http://www.ccny.cuny.edu/library/Menu.html>
- Click any database title.
 - You are now taken to a “Logon/Account Setup” page.
 - a. First time users type in your library barcode, found on the back of your City College ID.
 - b. Type in your first name, last name, e-mail address and select a password for yourself.
 - You are now taken back to the “Logon/Account Setup” page.
 - Logon with your e-mail address and the password you just created.
 - You will now be able to access the databases from anywhere off campus.
 - You must logon each time that you close and reopen your browser.