



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.

