

SEARCH PLAN

My Topic is:

My Question Is:

What do I need to know to answer my question?

The Context:

- What's my purpose?
- What discipline is my topic associated with?
- Is my topic prone to controversy or differing points of view?
- Will my own bias affect my analysis? Explain:
- How accurate, current or objective does my information need to be?

IMAGINE YOUR PERFECT INFORMATION RESOURCE...

What does it provide?

Resource Type/Format/Container & where to find it, beginning with:
www.alwaysinterested.net/information-sources

Background/Overview

Reference Resources: Database Reference Articles, Reference E-books, Wikipedia: (Print: General and Subject Specific Encyclopedias, Reference Works).

Current Event Updates

Newspapers & News Organizations Sites: Current Events & News Library Website Page, Current Issues Databases

Analysis

Trade Journals: Databases. Scholarly Journals/Academic Papers: Scholarly Databases, Open Access Journals, Google Scholar, University Websites. **Discipline Specific Organization Websites. Expert Interviews:** Social Searcher, Contact Information.

Data & Statistics/Original Research

Government & Research Organizations: Data & Statistics Library Website Page. **Academic Research:** Scholarly Databases, Open access Journals, Google Scholar, University Websites, **Discipline Specific Research Organizations.**

Opinion

Editorials: Databases, Current News Sources Library Website Page. **Social Media Posts:** Social Searcher. **Popular Magazines:** Databases. **Blog Posts**

Primary Evidence

Museum & Library Collections: Primary Source Collections Library Website Page

In Depth Information

Books: Library Catalog, World Cat, Google Books

Other

Ask Mrs. Schiano! See bit.ly/trpopsch , bit.ly/revpeer , bit.ly/primsec resource type

WHO created it?

Reliable associated organizations, groups or experts include:

WHERE is it published?

WHEN was it created and/or published?

Does the information need to be current?

Was it published during a particular period of time?

Possible date range:

Was it published outside of the US?

If so, where?

See bit.ly/countcode for country top level domains

What's its TITLE?

What other terms might be used by the author, publisher or database? Keep a running list! See bit.ly/searchkey for keyword creation tips. Synonyms, acronyms or discipline-specific terms:

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My Search Plan:

Where will I go?

How will I keep track of my searches?

How will I keep track of information I find valuable?



