**Identifying & Accessing**

**the best source of information**

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| S  T  ep  1 | **Select a topic**  In a sentence write down what is the focus of your research.  Ex: Does religion play an important role in the development of modern society?  Highlight the keywords in you sentence.  Ex: Does **religion** play an **important role** in the **development of modern soci**ety?  Touch basis with your teacher or the teacher-librarian to make sure your topic is not too broad or too narrow.  If your topic is an assigned topic, highlight the keywords in the topic assigned to you.  Brainstorm for ideas  Create an outline. It will guide your research and keep you on track. |
| S  T  ep  2 | **Identify the best source of information**  Now that you have a good understanding of what your topic is all about, it is time to determine the best source of information.  Will it be:  Books => search the School Library Catalog or the Public Library Catalog  Online Database => go to:  <https://www.surreyschools.ca/sites/7V5JQUO4HC/Wiki/Lists/Wiki/Secondary.aspx>  Read the description of the online databases in the handout provided by the T-L.  Internet => You must evaluate the website used.  Use the handout provided by the T-L  or check the following link to the University of Alberta on  Critically analyzing websites.  <http://guides.library.ualberta.ca/content.php?pid=51536&sid=392879>  Article in a periodical => Check CPIQ, Middle Search Plus, Canadian Reference Centre on the district databases  <https://www.surreyschools.ca/sites/7V5JQUO4HC/Wiki/Lists/Wiki/Secondary.aspx>  Encyclopedia => Worldbook, Encyclopedia of BC, Funk & Wagnalls New World Encyclopedia, Country Reports or Gale Virtual Reference Library.  <https://www.surreyschools.ca/sites/7V5JQUO4HC/Wiki/Lists/Wiki/Secondary.aspx>  Government site =><http://www.canada.gc.ca/home.html>  Statistics => go on:  BC Stats  <http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/Home.aspx>  Stats Canada  <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/>  Census Canada  <http://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/index-eng.cfm>  Maps =>  MapQuest  <http://www.mapquest.ca/>  Google Maps  <http://maps.google.ca/maps?hl=en&sugexp=les%3B&gs_rn=2&gs_ri=hp&cp=16&gs_id=1b&xhr=t&q=government+of+canada&bav=on.2,or.r_gc.r_pw.r_qf.&bvm=bv.42080656,d.cGE&biw=1008&bih=571&wrapid=tljp1360360022087030&um=1&ie=UTF-8&sa=N&tab=wl>  World Atlas  <http://www.worldatlas.com/webimage/countrys/africa/bw.htm>  Images =>  Flickr  <http://www.flickr.com/>  Google Images  <http://www.google.ca/imghp?hl=en&tab=wi>  Video streaming =>  <https://www.surreyschools.ca/sites/7V5JQUO4HC/Wiki/Lists/Wiki/VideoStreaming.aspx>  The Surrey Public Library will also have print and non-print material as well as online databases that are different from what we have. Check what they have at:  <http://www.surreylibraries.ca/> |
| S  T  ep  3 | Carry out your research |
| S  tep  4 | Evaluate items found |