



Gathering Information

HOMework Section 1

Homework Assignments for Section 1

TEXTBOOK: Read Chapters 1 & 2. It is recommended that students take notes to study for quiz #6

STEP ONE - QUESTION ANALYSIS:

- Pick a topic
- Narrow and define your focus: Pick five to seven questions concerning your topic that you want to answer with your research. (Remember the questions that you ask are the questions that I'll expect you to answer when writing your magazine article.)
- LCSH: Use the Library of Congress Subject Heading to define the Broad, Narrow, Related and other terms used for researching your topic.
- Synonyms: Use the Thesaurus to discover other search terms you can use when researching your topic.

STEP TWO – INFORMAL INTERVIEW

- Interview at least three people around you; ask them their opinion about some of the questions you have posed; gather public opinion; brainstorm. Identify the people you are interviewing by name, title, age and gender.

NOTE: Anyone is qualified to give an opinion in an informal interview. You can use “convenience interviews” for this step, but not for the expert interview step.

STEP THREE - LIBRARY ONE-STEP SOURCES

Use the following library reference books and document what they have to say about your topic:

- Dictionary
- Encyclopedia
- World Almanac