Research Strategy

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Your research topic

Step 1: Analyse
Analyse your topic to determine the approach being asked for

Step 2: Translate
Identify **keywords** and **concepts** of the topic. You can use a thesaurus to identify alternative keywords

Check to see if there is a **Subject Guide** related to your topic in the Library

Step 3: Begin your Search
Define your keywords and concepts using **Reference Sources** such as dictionaries and encyclopaedias

Haven't found what you need?
Ask for some help at the Library, or try less complex or fewer search terms to broaden your search. Then try again!!

Step 4: Search for detailed information
For detailed information on your topic use your keywords (or variations) to search the **Library Catalogue** for factual, in depth information from books, journals, videos and CD-ROMs

AND/OR

Step 5: Search for reliable, current information
Use the **Online Databases** link on the Library website to search online databases including:

- General OneFile
- eLibrary

Step 6: Search for current information
Use the **Internet Searching** link on the Library website to search the WWW using search engines. Be careful of information currency, bias and trustworthiness

Step 7: Evaluate and select or discard your results

Look for

- Relevance
- Reliability
- Currency
- Freedom from bias

Have you found sufficient information?

YES

NO

Use this information to write your research paper