

Hi this is Anne Pemberton, I'm one of the librarians at Randall Library. Welcome to the information literacy tutorial for English 100 and 101. This tutorial replicates the typical face-to-face session that on-campus students attend for English 100 or 101. Before you complete the tutorial please be sure that you understand your assignment and that you're aware of what types of resources you might need to complete your assignment. This tutorial covers different topics than what you may have learned in your first year seminar class so we're going to cover the following: an overview of the get started researching process, how to find background information using library tools instead of Wikipedia or Google, how to focus on a specific topic, how to effectively search library tools using a keyword search, how to find books or book chapters using the search box on the library home page, how to find articles using the search box on the library home page, and finally how to get help. Take a minute and think about the research topic you've selected. If you haven't picked a topic then consider the topic of recycling. Perhaps you might be more specific and consider what motivates people to recycle. Now take a minute and think about this: if you were going to teach a friend how to do research on your topic what steps would you tell them to take. (Press pause and write down your steps). Let's see if your steps match what librarians recommend. We're gonna go the library homepage and under Help click on the 'get started researching guide.' This is a great starting point for doing research. I'm gonna briefly walk you through the steps on the guide and then on your own you can review the steps and the links and tutorials given for each step. Keep in mind that research is often not a perfect linear path. Sometimes you have to go back to the beginning and start all over. So here are the steps that we recommend.

Step one, choose a research topic, step two find background information step three, develop a search strategy or what we call a keyword search, step four find books and articles, step five evaluate your sources, step six, cite your sources, and finally step seven write your paper and get it reviewed. Step five, evaluating sources was discussed thoroughly in the UNI first year seminar library session. So we're going to focus on the few other steps. After you've decided on your research topic you're gonna wanna find background information, you've likely used Wikipedia in the past for this. Finding background information can be useful when beginning a research project-it will help you define your research question, give you fundamental knowledge about the topic provide you with keywords to use in your search for books and articles and more. In step two you'll see that there are several resources that the library subscribes to for finding background information these are creible, reliable sources of information let's look at two of them. Credo reference and sirs knowledge source. Credo reference has a search box built right into this page so you'll wanna put in your research topic here for example, I might wanna get background information about recycling. This database will provide resources from subject specific encyclopedias and other sources, there are even videos available here. Sirs knowledge source is a similar resource but in addition to providing entries from subject specific encyclopedias you can also retrieve articles from other sources including magazines and newspapers. Sirs knowledge source is also a good place to go when you're choosing a topic. On the right of the screen you'll see the top 10 pro vs. con topics. If you click on more issues, you'll see a giant list of topics. If you're taking English 100, you'll find the global impact button in sirs useful too. Click on a topic, and then click on global impact. Here you'll find information about global impact on an issue rather than information that focused on the United States. After you find background information you're likely to have a more focused idea about what you want to research and write about. When you begin to search other Randall Library research tools you'll need to create a keyword search. This is the most effective way to search the library's tools so be sure to watch this quick video to learn about keyword searching.

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