

Building a Bibliography

1. Question/Topic: What is the research question you would like to answer/research topic you would like to address?
2. Search Terms: Brainstorm a list of search terms related to this topic.
3. Reference Works: Search the [library catalog](#) for 2 or 3 subject encyclopedias (or dictionaries) that relate to your topic. After locating these volumes, note their call numbers (or permalinks), so you can easily find them again.
4. Library Catalog: Use the results of step three to search the library catalog. Note titles/call #s for 2 to 3 additional sources that look interesting.
5. Subject Headings: Check the subject headings of each catalog source you identify. Add any overlooked key 'headings' to your Search Term list.
6. Media Articles: Take a moment to activate your free digital subscriptions to the [NY Times](#) and the [LA Times](#). Use your search terms to locate media articles in each (and [Nexis Uni](#)).
7. Journal Articles: Use your search terms to search for media articles in [ProQuest](#), [JSTOR](#) and/or [ATLA](#). Note the titles/links for 2-3 articles that look interesting.
8. Digital Resources: Use your search terms to search for digital resources. Identify 2 to 3 links (and search terms) that appear promising.
9. Evaluate Sources: Apply the [CRAAP Test](#) to one or two digital sources to gauge their usefulness for academic research.
10. Citing Sources: Use the [Cite Your Sources](#) tab, to bookmark the Chicago Quick Guide for ease of reference.