

# Using Twitter and Flipboard for Research

## Twitter

Using a Twitter List will allow you to search for information about your topic just through the organizations you follow in your list. It's a way of separating the information you want from your home feed:)

Set up a Twitter list related to your topic. Here is how:

1. Sign up for a school Twitter account.
2. Search for your topic. You may have to try a few different search terms to get what you want. Try to search for your topic, or for an organization that you know about that you can then follow.
3. You will see that several categories will come up at the top of the page (Top, Live, Accounts, Photos, Videos, More Options, etc.) You can do a few things here:
  - a. Scroll through 'Top' or 'Live' to find people and organizations that are tweeting information related to your topic.
  - b. Go to 'Accounts' and find an organization that you would like to follow.
  - c. Be careful to follow only credible organizations.
4. When you find an organization you would like to follow (one that is credible and tweeting out all kinds of fabulous, recent news related to your topic), then click on the little gear on that page. Click on 'Add or remove from lists.' Create a new list and give it a title-something related to your research paper topic.
5. From there, you can search articles, videos, graphics, etc. related to your topic, and you can save them to this list you have created.

## Flipboard

Flipboard is an app that will allow you to do a few things: save the articles that you find from your Twitter lists and other places, and also find new magazines and information related to your topic.

1. Download the app and create an account. It will ask you about a lot of your interests. Go ahead and select things related to your topic and other things you like. You won't be researching forever.
2. Click on the little red flag in the upper right corner. Click on 'New' to create a magazine. Give it a title related to your research topic.
3. Now, any articles that you find that you want to save, you can save them to your magazine. This goes for not just articles that you find in Flipboard, but anywhere.
4. You can specifically follow your Twitter List that you just created. Go to 'Following' and then 'Accounts.' Find Twitter, and then select 'Your Lists.' You can then Click on the list and save the articles you want from Twitter.
5. **Search and Follow Magazines.** Search for your topic, and then select a magazine (which someone else has created) to follow. You can save articles to your magazine then that you like.