

Finding Great Sources! 2023 Podcasting Edition

My podcast topic: _____

1. KEYWORDS AND SEARCH TERMS

What **keywords** or **search terms** will bring back the best sources for your topic? (You will need at least 7 words related to your topic.)



Video [Keywords Or Search Terms](#)

Watch the video above, and then brainstorm keywords here in this box.

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Think about synonyms and words you can add to your main topic.

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2. SOURCES FOR INFORMATION



[How about trying a research database](#) for magazine, newspaper, or reference book articles? Watch the video and then search the [Library's Databases](#). Find a great article? Copy the PERMALINK into the box below!

Library Databases ResearchITCT (Access from home with a public library card.)	Article Title Permalink	Article Title Permalink	Article Title Permalink
Britannica Pro Con Britannica ProCon			
Google News Google News Hartford Courant USA.gov Statistics We Ha (West Hartford news)			

3. SEARCHING THE FREE WEB

The Internet can be a large collection of garbage or a really great place to get current information. How can you tell the difference?

**Search engine tip: Try using Sweet Search instead of Google <http://sweetseach.com>

 Video [Evaluating Sources on the Free Web](#)

We use a variety of methods for judging the reliability of information we find when Googling.

Here's one to try:

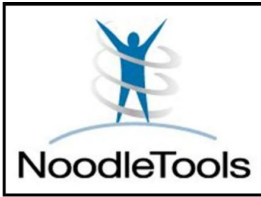
E - Expert - Is this information written by experts? Professionals? Is it a known site National Geographic? Check for About Us.

V - View the website. Are there a thousand distracting ads? Is it student work? Is it very difficult to navigate?

A - Analyze the website URL. Every website has a suffix: .com, .org, .edu, gov. If it's .gov it's reliable, all the other ones you need to be a detective. Not all .com/org/edu's are created equal.

L = Lateral Reading - can you find similar information on other sites? Does anyone else recommend this site? When you Google the author's name or the name of the website, what else can you find out?

3. CITING SOURCES



Once you find great sources, don't forget to keep track of them in your **Noodletools** account.

Go into your **Google Drive** and click the **apps grid**. Find Noodletools under **more**!

1. "Create a project" (MLA/Advanced)
2. Add sources by clicking "New SOURCE" at the top right.
3. Visit here for Noodletools "How-To" videos!  [Noodletools Help Videos](#)

Once all of your sources have been added, **Export your list to Google Docs.** Voila! Now you can turn it in by attaching it to the Google Classroom Assignment created for that purpose.