

Part I: Be more specific about what it is that you are looking for

What time period are you planning to write about?

How are you defining “the commons”?

- Write what you know about your research topic in the left column
- Write what you know about the Tragedy of the Commons in the right column
- Draw lines between the two columns where you can make connections between the Tragedy of the Commons and the topic

Topic & What I Know about It

Tragedy of the Commons
Concepts

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PART 2:

- Find at least one article relevant to one part of your topic
 - Get practice using a library database and prepare to share what you learned with the rest of the class
1. Select one of the ideas that you connected between the Tragedy of the Commons and your topic. What is the idea?
 2. Select one database that you think would be a good place to look for information related to that idea. What database did you choose and why?
 3. Try searching in that database and find one good source related to that idea. What did you enter into the search box to locate it?
 4. What do you need to do to access the full text of the source? Did you need to use Get it @ VCU to access it? Did you need to use interlibrary loan?
 5. (For sharing with the class) What features does the database have or not have? How do you access and use them?
 - a. Email to yourself?
 - b. Cite the source automatically?
 - c. Limit type of source?
 - d. Other special features you'd want to share...