



Gimme Five: Steps to Research



Step 1: **QUESTIONING**: FIGURING OUT WHAT INFORMATION YOU NEED

Ask yourself:

- “What is the topic I want to/have to research?”
- “What are the questions of the topic I want to/have to research?”
- “What are some keywords related to my topic that I will look for?”

Step 2: **LOCATING**: FINDING THE INFORMATION YOU NEED

Ask yourself:

- “What resources could I use to find out the information I need to know?”
- “Where can I find these resources?”
- “Where is the information I need in each resource?”

Step 3: **NOTE-TAKING**: RECORDING THE INFORMATION YOU NEED

Ask yourself:

- “What information have I found that answers my questions?”
- “How can I put the information I have found into my own words?”
- “What is the citation for each piece of information I find?”
- “Now that I have done some research, what is the main question I want to focus on?”

Step 4: **WRITING**: PUTTING TOGETHER THE INFORMATION

Ask yourself:

- “Now that I have all my information, what is my thesis statement?”
- “What information should go into each paragraph?”
- “How should I organize my paper to include all the information I need?”
- “How should I start my paper to hook readers / make them want to read on?”

Step 5: **EVALUATING**: EVALUATING YOUR FINAL PAPER

Ask yourself:

- “Have I done and included everything my teacher required?”
- “Did I cite all information and put all words that were not mine in quotation marks?”
- “Did I read over my paper a few times and proofread it?”
- “Did I give this paper to someone else to read to find any mistakes?”
- “Did I fix all mistakes?”
- “Is my paper neat?” “Does it show I worked hard and tried my best?”