General Research Guidance

As you research, you will need to try different **search terms** in order to find the sources you need. For example, you may start with *Poland and WWII*, but if you are not finding enough results, you may need to try a more general search, such as *Eastern Europe and WWII*, or a more specific search, such as *Catholics and Nazis WWII*. Ask your instructor or a librarian if you need help with search terms.

As you find sources, keep **an open document** to save links. You will also need **a flash drive**, cloud drive, or access to your email to save documents, images, and other files.

Sac State Library Materials:

Go to the Sac State Library homepage and type a general description of your topic into the OneSearch bar.



This search will bring up EBooks, books, videos, and reference materials.

Note that some sources are available online, and some are available in the library. Some library materials may be taken out on loan; others must be viewed (and photocopied) in the library.

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- Multicultural America
- Culture and Customs
- American Immigrant Cultures
- American Eras (pre-1900)
- American Decades (post-1900)

Google Scholar:

Type "Google Scholar" into your search bar.

Type a specific description of your topic into the Google Scholar search bar.



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In the field "language," type "English" and any other languages you read.

In the field "site or domain," type ".edu"

Note that websites designed for K-12 students are <u>not</u> acceptable for college research papers. Look for university and college sites.

Repeat the search as needed, trying ".gov" or ".org" and/or with modified search terms as necessary.

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A National Center for Education Statistics report, "New Americans in Postsecondary Education: A Profile of Immigrant and Second-Generation American Undergraduates," shows the differences are stark.

Often that link will take you directly to a PDF you can download and save to your flash drive. Other times, you will need to copy the author, sponsoring organization, and/or title of the report or study and go back to Google Scholar to track it down.

News Articles (Current Events and Controversies):

Go to Google and type in your general topic. Begin the search terms with "news" or select the "news" category.



Films:

Go to the Sac State Library homepage and click on "Database and Article Searching."



Click on the letter "F."

Click on "Films on Demand."

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