

The background is a detailed illustration of a desk with school supplies. On the left, there is a green notebook, a silver pen, and a yellow pencil with a pink eraser. In the center, a large sheet of lined paper is spread out. On the right, a blue spiral notebook is open, showing a page with a drawing of a butterfly, a heart, and the word "hello" written in cursive. At the bottom right, there is a white and orange highlighter. The entire scene is set on a light-colored wooden desk surface.

## Research Skills





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## College and Career Readiness Standards for Writing:

7. Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects based on focused questions, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.

8. Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.

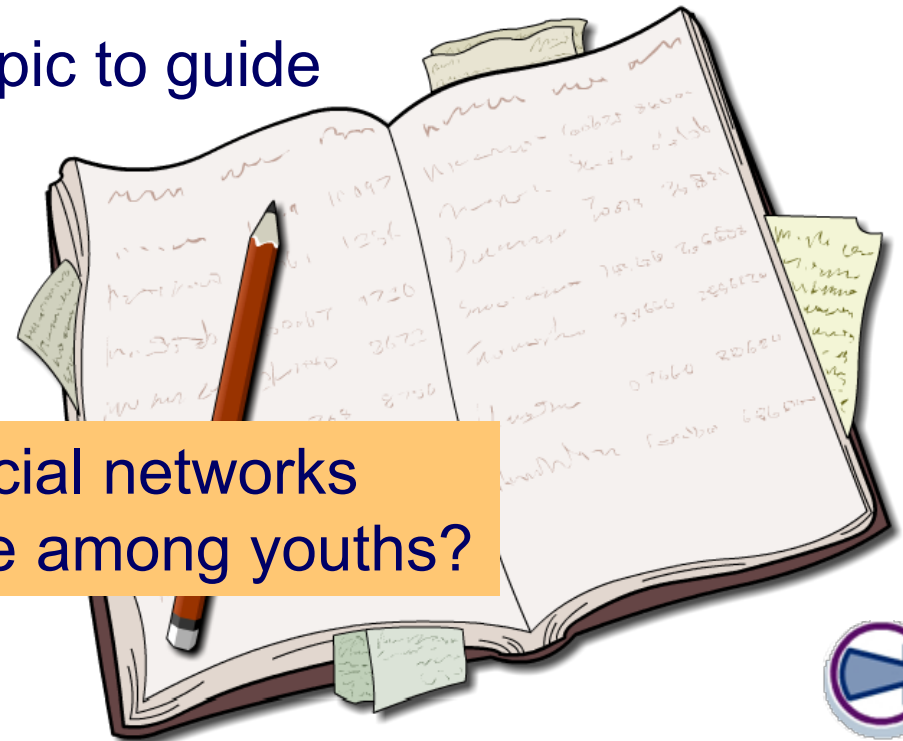
Conducting a research project involves many steps. The first step is selecting an appropriate topic to research.

Make sure that your topic is not too broad (covering too much information) or too narrow (covering too little information).

Write a question about your topic to guide your research, for example:

**Topic:** Youth Violence

**Research question:** Have social networks caused an increase in violence among youths?





Once you have decided on a research question, identify the keywords to start your research.



This will help you generate more questions related to your research.



Once you have started your research, you should form a thesis statement that guides the direction of your paper and tells your reader what to expect.

You can write a thesis statement by turning your research question into a statement.

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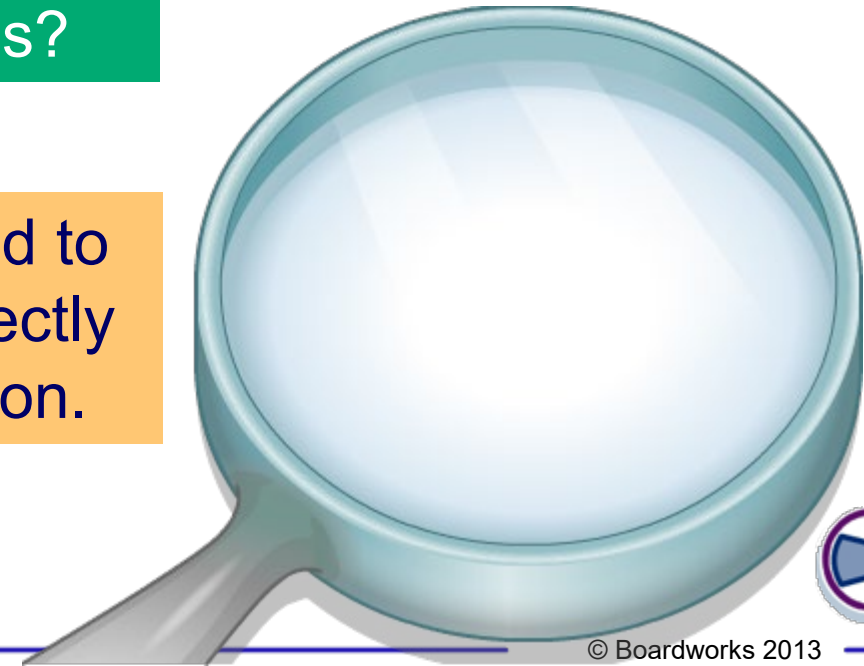


Providing support from multiple sources will give your writing more **credibility**. Your readers will see that your ideas are supported by experts and factual evidence.

What type of sources should you use for a research paper?

Where can you look for sources?

Use the keywords you identified to search for sources that are directly related to your research question.



Different research topics often require different types of sources. Determine which source would be most helpful in writing the following research papers.

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As you read through your sources, highlight information that relates to your main idea. Record relevant quotations, statistics, examples and facts.

Record information you think might be relevant to your topic on index cards or in an outline.

You should also write down the bibliographical details of each source to make writing your Works Cited page easier.



What details do you need to write a Works Cited page?





It is important to choose sources that are reliable and relevant to your research question. When selecting sources, follow these guidelines:

Check that the source has a known author.

Check that the author is an authority on the subject: an expert, a firsthand witness, etc.

Check the date of publication to make sure you have the most recent information.

Check to see if the author has listed credible sources of his or her own.



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As you discover facts and examples you would like to use in your paper, you will need to decide how you want to present these ideas.

Press on the buttons on the left to learn more about the methods of incorporating source information into your own writing.

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Citations are used to give credit to the original author of the information. There are two kinds of citations: **in-text citations** and **full citations**.

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Use this checklist to remind yourself of the steps you can take when planning, researching and writing a paper.

Press the boxes to add a check next to each step that you have completed.

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