

STUDY SKILLS

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"I have difficulty finding and organizing information when I write research papers and essays."

Topic

- Look at your assignment
- Choose a topic that fulfills the requirements of the assignment but also interests you.
- You may want to have your teacher/professor approve your topic.

Background information.

- Background information is what you already know about the topic.
- Remember where you learned about your topic before.
- Sources of background knowledge include:
 - class discussions
 - information you have read
 - movies, television, and radio programs
 - Information you have learned from other people

Narrow your topic.

- Select one area of your background knowledge that you would like to study.

Ask a question.

- Develop a question that you want to answer about your topic.
- List Internet search engine terms Articles are published frequently.

Internet.

- Search the Internet for Web pages that have information about your topic.
- Use the search terms you listed in the previous step.

Library.

- Use the library catalogue
- Find the names and titles from your Internet research.