

9 things you should do to find information

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1. Do some general reading to get an overview of the topic and jot down keywords you can use to search. Wikipedia is ok for this (but don't cite it in your bibliography).
2. Think about the sort of information you need (in-depth? General overview? Statistics? Primary sources?) and what format you need it in (books? Websites? Journal articles?)
3. Are there any organisations that specialise in this topic that will be able to provide helpful information? Use them.
4. If you need books, try one of the Sutherland Shire public libraries as well as the school library. You can also try the State Library.
5. If you need journal articles, you can use your Sutherland Shire library card to use the State Library's databases. You can also try Google Scholar.
6. Before you start Googling, write down your keywords and think about whether any of the keywords have synonyms or if your topic is referred to by multiple terms.
7. Search Google with your main keywords and look at the results that come up- are they helpful to you?
8. If they aren't, modify your search.
9. When you've found websites that look useful, make sure you evaluate them to ensure they're accurate and trustworthy.