

Nine things you should do to research for art

Created by Inaburra Senior Library, 2018

ONE

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).

TWO

Think about the sort of information you need (Criticism? Art history? Historical context?) and what format you need it in (Books? Websites? Journal articles?).

THREE

If you need books, try one of the Sutherland Shire public libraries as well as the school library.

FOUR

Are there any cultural institutions that specialise in this topic? Use them!

FIVE

If you need journal articles, public libraries will have access to databases, or use your local library card to access the State Library's databases. You can also try Google Scholar.

SIX

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.

SEVEN

Search Google with your main keywords and look at the results that come up- are they relevant?

EIGHT

If they aren't, modify your search.

NINE

When you've found websites that look useful, make sure you evaluate them to ensure they're accurate and trustworthy.