

Chandler-Gilbert Community College
ENG102 First-Year Composition
Argumentative Essay
Library Research Worksheet 05/09

Name: _____ **Issue:** _____

Follow the research pyramid to gather all of the different types of resources you will need from the Library to write your essay and complete this worksheet.

Record search terms here:

If you seem to be finding a small amount of information on your topic or no information at all, ask a librarian to help you check the Library of Congress Subject Headings to determine the terms used to describe your topic.

A. Step One: Begin researching your topic in the following sources to get background information on your topic and to start narrowing your focus:

CQ Researcher: Weekly reports covering a current topic in the news, including a bibliography of additional sources. (Hint: Under “Magazines/Journals” on the CGCC Library Homepage)

Citation Format:

Author. “Article Title.” *CQ Researcher* Date Published: Page(s). *CQ Researcher Online*. Web. Date Accessed.

Example:

Katel, Peter. “Oil Jitters.” *CQ Researcher* 4 Jan. 2008: n. pag. *CQ Researcher Online*. Web. 14 Feb. 2007.

Record bibliographic citation:

Subject Encyclopedias (Consult the CGCC Library Encyclopedias Bibliography): Reference books containing concise introductory information on specialized subjects, often includes a bibliography of other sources. (Hint: Locate by call number in reference section.)

Citation Format:

Author (if there is one). "Title of Entry." *Encyclopedia Title*. Editor’s Name. Edition (blank if 1st edition). Volume.
Place of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication. Print.

Example:

Mulvaney, Dustin. “Green Movement.” *Encyclopedia of Environment and Society*. Ed. Paul Robbins. Vol. 2.
Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications, 2007. Print.

Record bibliographic citation:

Opposing Viewpoints (Consult the CGCC Library Controversial Issues Bibliography): These books contain pro and con articles with solutions to many current social problems. (Hint: Under “Magazines/Journals” on the CGCC Library Homepage)

Print Citation Format:

Article Author. “Article Title.” *Title of Book*. Editor’s Name. Place of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication. Page(s). Print.

Example:

Jennings, Brian. “Ethanol Will Reduce America’s Dependence on Crude Oil.” *Opposing Viewpoints: Transportation*. Ed. Louise Gerdes. Farmington Hills, MI: Greenhaven Press, 2008. 21-24. Print.

Database Citation Format:

Article Author. “Article Title.” *Title of Book*. Editor’s Name. Place of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication. Page(s). *Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center*. Web. Date Accessed.

Example:

Piatak, Tom. “Outsourcing Threatens American Workers.” *Opposing Viewpoints: Globalization*. Ed. Louise I. Gerdes. San Diego: Greenhaven Press, 2006. n. pag. *Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center*. Web. 19 Feb. 2008.

Record bibliographic citation:

B. Step Two: Search the book catalog to gather more depth on your topic and to narrow your focus further.

Book Catalog: The CGCC Library Catalog lists all the books and audiovisual materials owned by all ten Maricopa Community College libraries. (Hint: From the CGCC Library Homepage, click on “Books & More.”)

Citation Format:

Author. *Title of Book*. Place of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication. Print.

Online version (eBook):

Author. *Title of Book*. Place of Publication: Publisher, Publication Date. *Academic Complete ebrary*. Web. Date Accessed.

Record bibliographic citation:

C. Step Three: Continue researching your topic in more current sources such as magazine/journal databases and newspaper databases.

Journals—Academic OneFile: This database provides access to 8,000 full text scholarly journals and general interest magazines. Subject coverage includes Social Science, Humanities, Science, and Technology journals. (Hint: From the CGCC Library Homepage, click on “Magazines & Journals.”)

Citation Format:

Author (if given). "Article Title." *Periodical Title* Volume.Issue (Date Published): Page(s). *Database*. Web. Date Accessed.

Example:

Parkinson, Gerald. "Oil from sand: the oil sands industry is growing fast, and so is its impact on the environment." *Chemical Engineering* 116.2 (Feb. 2009): 19-21. *Academic OneFile*. Web. 19 Feb. 2008.

Record bibliographic citation:

Newspapers—*National Newspapers*: This online information database provides full-text access to the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, and Christian Science Monitor. (Hint: From the CGCC Library Homepage, click on "Newspapers." At the next screen click on "National Newspapers.")

Citation Format:

Author. "Article Title." *Newspaper Title* Date Published: Page(s). *Database*. Web. Date Accessed.

Example:

Romano, Jay. "Carbon Footprint: Saving at Home." *New York Times* 28 August 2008: F2. *National Newspapers*. Web. 16 Sept. 2008.

Record bibliographic citation:

D. Step Four: Continue searching your topic in web sites. Web sites can be great resources for locating reputable agencies/organizations as well as people to interview.

Internet Resources: Find at least one site where information related to your topic can be found. Web sites prescreened by CGCC librarians can be found on the CGCC Library Homepage under "Magazine/Journals" or "Newspapers" on the right side of the page. Be sure to determine the validity and reliability of the site you choose.

Citation Format:

Author/Editor (if given). "Title of Electronic Work." *Website*. Sponsoring Organization, Publication Date. Web. Date Accessed.

Example:

"Wind and Hydropower Technologies Program." *Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy*. U.S. Department of Energy, 2 Sept. 2008. Web. 16 Sept. 2008.

Record bibliographic citation:

Librarian's Signature _____ 05/16/09/lam/bss/ftp/kcc