

**Chandler-Gilbert Community College**  
**ENG102 First-Year Composition**  
**Social Problem/Solution Essay**  
**Library Research Worksheet 05/09**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Problem:** \_\_\_\_\_

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.

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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.

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***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 1<sup>st</sup> edition). Volume. Place of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication. Print.

**Example:**

Landolt, Patricia. "Global Economy and Immigration." *Encyclopedia of American Immigration*. Ed. James Ciment. Vol. 3. New York: M.E. Sharpe, 2001. Print.

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***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:**

Hollings, Ernest. "Stronger Internet Privacy Laws Are Necessary." *Opposing Viewpoints: The Internet*. Ed. James D. Trorr. San Diego: Greenhaven Press, 2005. 113-120. 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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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:**


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**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:** See suggested list of web sites below. Additional 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.

American Civil Liberties Union	<a href="http://www.aclu.org">http://www.aclu.org</a>
Amnesty International	<a href="http://www.amnesty.org">http://www.amnesty.org</a>
Christian World Adoption	<a href="http://www.cwa.org">http://www.cwa.org</a>
Greenpeace International	<a href="http://www.greenpeace.org">http://www.greenpeace.org</a>
International Labour Organization	<a href="http://www.ilo.org">http://www.ilo.org</a>
NASA	<a href="http://www.nasa.gov">http://www.nasa.gov</a>
National Wildlife Federation	<a href="http://www.nwf.org">http://www.nwf.org</a>
Sierra Club	<a href="http://www.sierraclub.org">http://www.sierraclub.org</a>
UN Environment Programme	<a href="http://unep.org">http://unep.org</a>
United Nation’s Children Education Fund	<a href="http://www.unicef.org">http://www.unicef.org</a>
US Environmental Protection Agency	<a href="http://www.epa.gov">http://www.epa.gov</a>
World Bank	<a href="http://www.worldbank.org">http://www.worldbank.org</a>

**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.

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Based on your research so far, identify which source(s) address the problem and which source(s) address the solution.

Problem:

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Solution:

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