



Researching Arguments/Persuasive @ John A. Brown Library

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Library Hours

Mon-Thurs 7:30am - 8 pm

Fri 7:30am - 5 pm

Sat 10 am- 2pm

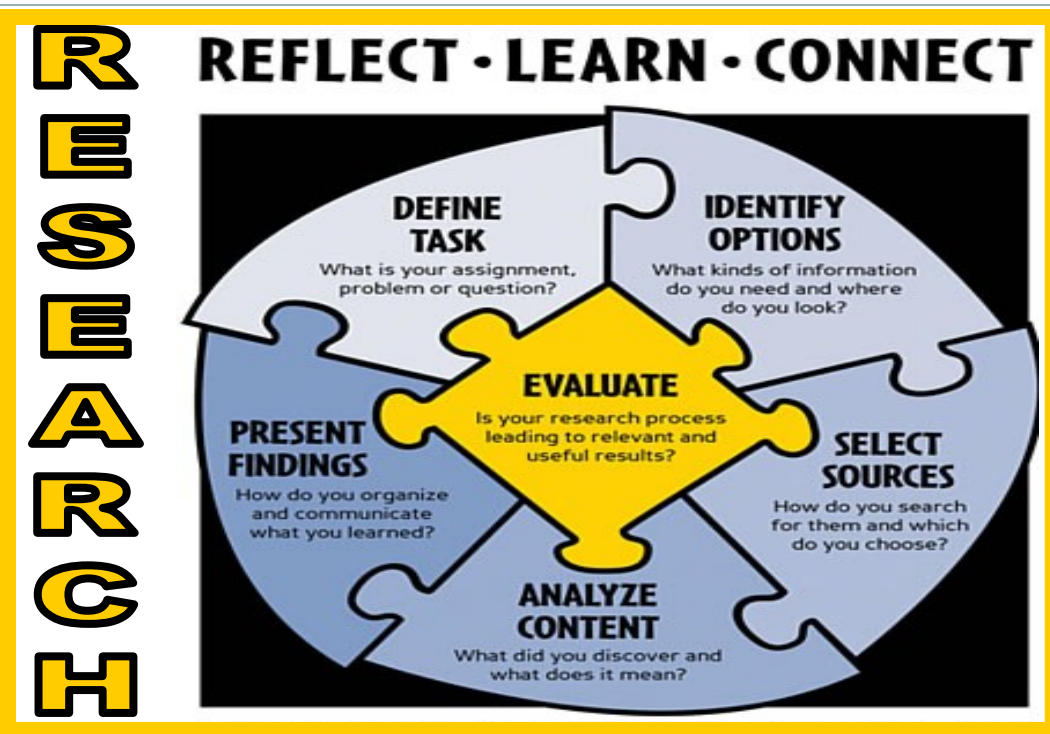
Sun Closed

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Library Basics

- PHOTO ID needed to check out materials.
- Books checkout for 3 weeks. Magazines check-out for one week.
- Materials can be renewed over the phone and in person at the library.
- You may have up to 15 items on your card at any one time.
- Books located at Omak can be transferred to WVC in 2-3 days for pickup.
- Copies are 10 cents/page. There is currently no charge for printouts.
- Reserve materials are held at the Circulation Desk.

“While everyone has a right to his or her opinion, the people who are informed have more of a right.” ~ Bill Dixon



Need Help? You can go to the **ASK A LIBRARIAN** tab on the Library homepage and Chat with a librarian 24/7 !

Search Tips

ALWAYS USE ADVANCED SEARCH



To start your search the *fewer words* you use the better!

Use **AND** to combine separate terms-**Narrows** search

Use **OR** to combine like terms—**Broadens** search



Argumentative Essay

~ Use Article Databases ~

Free ~ Scholarly ~ Reliable

CQ Researcher: Each single-themed, 12,000-word report is researched and written by a seasoned journalist. The consistent, organization provides researchers with an introductory overview; background and chronology on the topic; an assessment of the current situation; tables and maps; pro/con statements; and bibliographies of key sources. **Good Overviews of many topics**

Academic OneFile: Peer-reviewed, full-text articles from the world's leading journals and reference sources. Extensive coverage of the sciences, technology, medicine, the arts, theology, literature and other subjects - authoritative and comprehensive.

Peer Reviewed

ProQuest: Includes the world's largest digital newspaper archive, periodical databases comprising the output of more than 9,000 titles and spanning more than 500 years, the pre-eminent dissertation collection, and various other scholarly collections.

Peer Reviewed

Website Evaluation Basics (or the B.ad S.ource Test!)

USE WEBSITES LAST

- **USE SCHOLARLY, PEER AND EDITORIAL REVIEWED ARTICLES FIRST**
- Available for **FREE** through the John A. Brown Library Databases and Reference resources.
- Articles have been vetted.
- High quality, accurate and reliable.

COMPARISON

- Reveal the depth of information available
- Reveal specific areas that are controversial and need verification.
- Helps you recognize bias.
- Turns up unique information (photographs, video)

CORROBORATION

- Highlight controversial facts.
- Verify questionable information.
- Increases probability of accuracy.
- The 5 W's— Who, What, When, Where and Why.

List of Think Tanks in the United States
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_think_tanks_in_the_United_States

The Purdue Online Writing Lab for MLA and APA citation information.
<http://owlenglish.purdue.edu/>

Paraphrasing Tool
<http://commons.wvc.edu/library/Conference%20Presentations/paraphrase.htm>

Tom March Thesis Builder – A tool to help build a thesis statement.
<http://tomarch.com/electraguide/thesis.php>

Research Process - A nice interactive guide <http://www.clark.edu/Library/iris/>

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