



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

Call us @ 682.6710

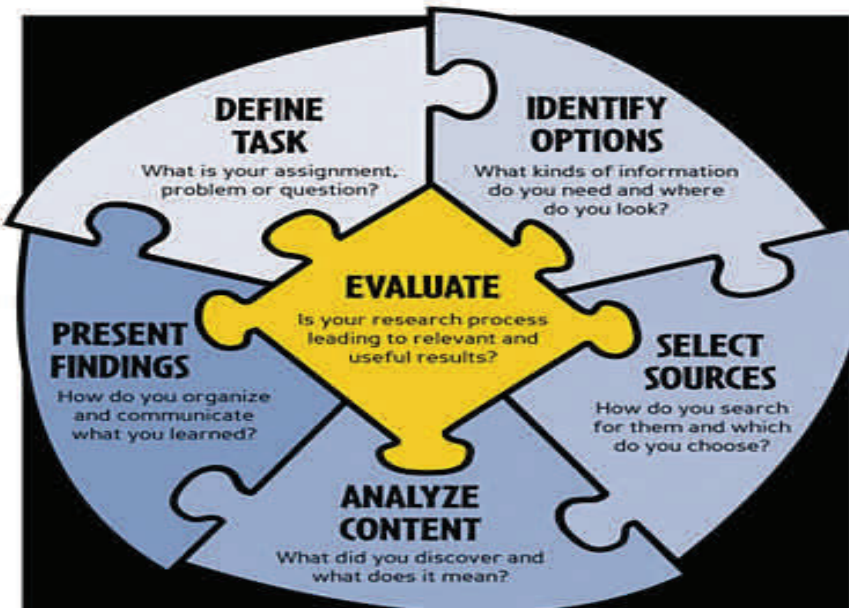
Library Basics

- Need **PHOTO ID** to check out library 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

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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

WVC Library Webpage • <http://commons.wvc.edu/library/> ~ Always Open!

~ 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.

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.

Is it Credible?

- Has sources cited — Yes
- Has in-text citations — Yes
- Does it have Journal in the publication title — Yes
- Does it have 5 + pages — Probably

- Newspaper Article — **NO** ~ Editorial — **NO**
- Anonymous — **NO** ~ No citations— **NO**
- Blog—**NO** ~ Short — **Probably Not**

Don't Know? ASK!

Know what you are reading.

What type of publication?

- Academic Journal
- Popular Magazine
- Newspaper

Who wrote it?

- Scholar
- Journalist
- Reporter

What gives them expertise?

What type of article?

- Research / Scholarly
- Book Review
- News Release
- Abstract

Is this enough information?