HOW TO BEGIN RESEARCH

• Compile a list of subject key words. You will use them when researching.
  o Think of synonyms (words that mean the same thing)
  o Check the spelling! Searching in the library catalog or databases won’t correct your spelling.

• Start small. Find between 5-10 resources that match your subject. Analyze these sources for your paper before gathering more.

• Create a rough outline. Based on the information you have already collected, write down a summary of what you want to cover in your paper.

WHERE TO LOOK FOR INFORMATION

When should I use books?
• For in-depth overviews or historical background on a subject.
• Look for books using the Catalog on the Library website.

When should I use a database?
• For scholarly research articles that give specific case data or recent developments in an area
• Access databases from the Find Items tab on the Library website.

When should I use the Web?
• For demographic statistics or VERY current information that has not yet been published academically

D'Arcy McNickle Library
http://library.skc.edu/

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E 75 – E 99: Indians of North America
- E 77 Comprehensive Overviews
- E 78 Archaeology
- E 81-88 Historical Events
- E 89-90 Biographies
- E 91-93 Government Relations
- E 97 Education
- E 98 Native Social Life
  - E 98 .A7 Art
  - E 98 .C8 Clothing
  - E 98 .D2 Dance
  - E 98 .D9 Dwellings
  - E 98 .E2 Economics
  - E 98 .F6 Folklore / Tales
  - E 98 .F7 Food
  - E 98 .G2 Games
  - E 98 .M4 Medicine
  - E 98 .R3 Religion
  - E 98 .W8 Women's Studies
- E 99 Specific Tribes

ML 3557: Native Music
- PM 1 – 7356: Native Languages
- PS 508 .I5: Native Literature

**CSKT Collection**
The CSKT Tribal History Collection is a comprehensive collection of items about the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, Flathead Reservation history and issues, and Salish Kootenai College.

**Native American Studies Journals**
- *American Indian Quarterly (AIQ)* E 75 .A657
- *WicazoSa Review (Journal of Native American Studies)* E 96 .W5

**Databases**

**American Mosaic – The American Indian Experience**
- Electronic encyclopedia that provides historical and cultural information about the indigenous peoples of North America.
- Includes photos, maps, timelines, and commentary on controversial subjects.

**Ethnic NewsWatch**
- Searches for full text articles from newspapers, magazines, and journals of Native American and other ethnic publications

**EbscoHost – Academic Search Complete**
- Provides online access to several Native American and multicultural research publications.

**Digital Char-Koosta News**
- Digitization of the publication covers the years 1956 to 1961, and 1971 to 1988

**Websites**

**CSKT**
- Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
  [http://www.cskt.org/](http://www.cskt.org/)
- Nk’usm Language School
- Char-Koosta News

**Online Artifact/Data Collections**
- Bureau of Indian Affairs Document Library
- Library of Congress: American Memory
  [http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/browse/index.html](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/browse/index.html)
- National Archives: Native American Heritage Records
- National Museum of the American Indian
  [http://www.nmai.si.edu/searchcollections/](http://www.nmai.si.edu/searchcollections/)

**Statistics Data**
- Montana Office of Indian Affairs
- US Census: American Indian and Alaska Native
  [http://www.census.gov/aiian/](http://www.census.gov/aiian/)
- Center for Disease Control: American Indian & Alaska Native Populations

**Want to Browse Native Magazines?**
- *American Indian Art Magazine* E 98 .A7 A437
- *Beadwork* TT 860 .B43
- *National Museum of the American Indian* E 77 .A6
- *Native Peoples* E 75 .N398

**2015-2016 Database Access**
- Username: skc15
- Password: bison16