

How to Begin Research

Compile a list of subject key words
Synonyms
Check the spelling
Start Small

Find between 5-10 resources that match your subject. Analyze these sources for your paper before gathering additional information.

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

Books - in depth overviews or historic background on a subject

Database - For scholarly research articles that give specific case data or recent developments in an area

Internet - for demographic statistics or current information that has not yet been published academically

Writing Help

Handbook of Scientific Proposal Writing
Q 180.55 .P7 O78 2012

Making Sense: A Student Guide to Research and Writing in Geography and Environmental Sciences
G 70 .N67 2005

Preparing Literature reviews: Qualitative and Quantitative Approaches
Q 180.55 .E9 P36 2008

Scientific Style and Format: The CSE Manual
(Reserve Shelf)

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Websites

Montana Natural Heritage Program
mtnhp.org/reports.asp

Montana Department of Natural
Resources and Conservation
dnrc.mt.gov

TreeSearch: Searchable database of US
forest Service Research publications
treesearch.fs.fed.us

EPA Science Inventory: Searchable
database of environmental Protection
Agency sponsored research
cfpub.epa.gov/si/

Science.gov: Searches over 55 databases
and over 2100 selected websites from 15
federal agencies, including research and
development results.
science.gov

U.S. geographical Survey Publications:
USGS Quadrant Maps and other
publications for download
usgs.gov/pubprod

Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes-
Natural Resources Department
csktribes.org/natural-resources/nrd

Intertribal Timber Council
itcnet.org

National Tribal Water Council
usetinc.org/

Journals

American Forest
SD 1 .A55

Forest Science
SD 1 .F655

Intertribal Timber Council Timber Notes
SD 412 .N38

Journal of Forestry
SD 1 .S63

Western Journal of Applied Forestry
SD 1 .W47

Books

The following are Library of Congress Call
Numbers for possible Natural Resources
research topics.

GB: Physical Geography

GB 400-64 Landforms, Terrain

GB 651-2998 Hydrology, Water

GE: Environmental Sciences

QE: Geology

QH: Natural History - Biology

QK Botany

SD: Forestry

SD 388 Forestry machinery and
engineering

SD 390-390.43 Forest soils

SD 390.5-390.7 Forest
meteorology

SD 391-410.9 Silviculture

SD 411-428 Conservation and
protection: including forest
influences, damage by
elements, fires, forest reserves

SD 430-559 Exploitation and
utilization: including timber
trees, fuelwood, logging,

transportation, evaluation

TD: Environmental Technology
TD 169-171.8 Environmental
protection

TD 172-193.5 Environmental
pollution

TD 419-428 Water pollution

TD 429.5-480.7 Water

purification water treatment and
conditioning

TD 481-493 Water distribution
systems

Databases

EbscoHost Web

Academic Search Complete

Environment Complete

GreenFile-information covering all
aspects of human impact to the
environment

InfoTrac

Academic One File-

*source of peer-reviewed full-text scholarly
content across the academic disciplines*

Environmental Studies and Policy
Collection-*access to scholarly journals,
magazines, and other reference sources*

covering environmental issues and policies

Newsbank-*U.S. news content from local,
regional, and national sources*

Ethnic Newswatch-*current resource of full-
text newspapers, magazines, and journals
of the ethnic and minority press*

