How to Begin Research
Compile a list of subject key words
- Synonyms
- Spelling
Start small. Find between 5-10 resources that match your subject. Analyze these sources for your paper before gathering more.

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

Use books for in-depth overviews or historical background on a subject.
Look for books using the catalog on the library website, or any computer in the library.

Use a database for scholarly research articles that give specific case data or recent developments in an area

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**Books**
The following are Library of Congress Call Numbers for possible Education research topics.

E 97: Native American Education  
L: Education  
LB Theory/Practice  
LB 1139.2-1489 Early Childhood  
LB 1501-1602 Elementary Education  
LB 1573 Reading  
LB 1576 Writing  
LB 1584 Social Studies  
LB 1585 Science  
LC Special Topics  
LC 4015*4818 Learning Disabilities  
Q: Science  
Q 181 General Secondary Science Teaching  
QA 135.5 Elementary Math Teaching  
QD 43 Chemistry Teaching  
QH 53 Natural Sciences Teaching

**Journals**
- American Journal of Education  
  L 11 .S55  
- Child Development  
  HQ 750 .A1 C45  
- Child Development Perspectives  
  HQ 767.8 .C43  
- Journal of American Indian Education  
  E 97.1 .J68  
- Monographs of the Society for Research in Child Development  
  HV 6545 .P487

**Databases**
- EBSCOhost  
  - EBSCOHost Web  
  - Academic Search Complete  
  - Teacher Reference Center  
  - ERIC Explora Primary Schools  
  - Explora Secondary Schools  
  - Explora Primary  
  - Explora Grades 6-12 Student Research  
  - Explora Educator’s Edition
- Gale Power Search  
  - Academic OneFile  
  - Educator’s Reference Complete
- NewsBank  
  - Special Reports - Education Around the World
- Ethnic NewsWatch

**Websites**
- Montana Office of Public Instruction  
  opi.mt.gov  
- Montana Content Standards and Instruction  
  opi.mt.gov/Curriculum/CSI/  
- Education World  
  educationworld.com  
- Smithsonian Source: Sources for Teaching American History  
  smithsoniansource.org  
- Reading Rockets  
  readingrockets.org  
- Crayola  
  crayola.com  
- EPA Students  
  epa.gov/students  
- SoftSchool  
  softschools.com  
- teAchnology  
  teach-nology.com  
- Smithsonian Education  
  smithsonianeducation.org  
- National Council of Teachers of Mathematics