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

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Websites

NARF Native Rights Fund
narf.org

National Congress of American Indians
Protection of Native cultural resources
ncai.org

National Park Service
Tribal Historic Preservation Program
nps.gov

National Preservation Institute
Native American Cultural Resources
npi.org

Cultural & Survival Quarterly Magazine
culturalsurvival.org

Running Strong for American Indian Youth
indianyouth.org

USA.gov Federally Recognized Indian Tribes and Resources for Native Americans
usa.gov/tribes

Montana Office of Indian Affairs
tribalnations.mt.gov

US Census: American Indian and Alaska Native
census.gov/aiann/

Montana Governor’s Office of Indian Affairs
tribalnations.mt.gov/tribalnations

Databases

American Mosaic
The American Indian Experience

EBSCOhost Web
Academic Search Complete

Gale Power Search
Academic One File
source of peer-reviewed full-text scholarly content across the academic disciplines

LegalTrac
provides indexing and selective full-text for all major law reviews, law journals, specialty law and bar association journals and legal newspapers

Diversity Studies Collection
access to scholarly journals and magazines that explore cultural differences, contributions, and influences in the global community

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

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

Books

The following are Library of Congress Call Numbers for possible Native American research topics.

E75-E99: 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
Including government agencies dealing with Indians, Indian rights associations, biography, treatment of Indians, reservations (General), and government services for Indians (General)
E 94 Law
E 95 Treaties
E 97.3 Finance, Education
E 98 Business enterprises, Economic Conditions
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.