

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 Dept. of Natural Resources
and Conservation
dnrc.mt.gov

TreeSearch: Searchable database of US
Forest Service Research Publication
research.fs.usda.gov/treesearch

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

US Geographical Survey Publications:
USGS Quadrant Maps and other
publications
usgs.gov/pubprod

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Tribes Natural Resources Department
Cskt.org/natural-resources/

Intertribal Timber Council
itcnet.org

National Tribal Water Council
usetinc.org/

Databases

EbscoHost Web

Academic Search Complete

Gale Power Search

Academic One File

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

Environmental Studies and Policy

*Provides 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

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 Resource
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 Sylviculture
 - SD 411-428 Conservation and
Protection, including forest influences,
damage by elements, fires, forest
reserves.
 - SD 430-559 Exploitation and
Utilization: including timer 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,
Treatment, and Conditioning
 - TD 481-493 Water distribution
systems