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

Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association BF 76.7 .P83 2010 (Reserve Shelf)

Research for Indigenous Survival: Indigenous Research Methodologies in The Behavioral Sciences CSKT GN 380 .L36 2014

So, You Want to Write About American Indians? A Guide for Writers, Students, and Scholars PN 146 .M54 2005

Tribal Writes: The Correspondence Guide for Native Americans HF 5726 .R36 1995

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Websites

The National Congress of American Indians, founded in 1944, is the oldest, largest and most representative American Indian and Alaska Native organization serving the broad interests of tribal governments and communities.

ncai.org

Tribal Nations & the United States: An Introduction ncai.org/about-tribes

U.S. Department of the Interior Indian Affairs - Division of Tribal Governance bia.gov/bia/ois/tgs

USA.gov

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

Tax Information for Indian Tribal Governments irs.gov/government-entities/ Indian-tribal-governments

Montana Office of Indian Affairs tribalnations.mt.gov

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

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 Newswatch

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

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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.

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