

Chandler-Gilbert Community College
ENG102 First-Year Composition
Intercultural Research Paper
Library Research Worksheet 09/08

Name: _____ **Topic:** _____

Follow the research pyramid to gather all of the different types of resources you will need from the Library to write your essay and complete this worksheet.

Record search terms here:

If you seem to be finding a small amount of information on your topic or no information at all, ask a librarian to help you check the Library of Congress Subject Headings to determine the terms used to describe your topic.

Step One: Begin researching your topic in the following sources to get background information on your topic and to start narrowing your focus:

CQ Researcher: Weekly reports covering a current topic in the news, including a bibliography of additional sources. (Hint: Under “Magazines/Journals” on the CGCC Library Homepage)

Citation Format:

Author. “Article Title.” CQ Researcher Date Published. CQ Researcher Online. CQ Press. Chandler-Gilbert Community College Library, Chandler, AZ. Date Accessed <<http://library.cqpress.com/cqresearcher>>.

Example:

Karaim, Reed. “America’s Border Fence.” CQ Researcher 19 September 2008. CQ Researcher Online. CQ Press. Chandler-Gilbert Community College Library, Chandler, AZ. 14 Feb. 2008 <<http://library.cqpress.com/cqresearcher>>.

Record bibliographic citation:

Subject Encyclopedias (Consult the CGCC Library Encyclopedias Bibliography): Reference books containing concise introductory information on specialized subjects, often includes a bibliography of other sources. (Hint: Locate by call number in reference section.)

Citation Format:

Author (if there is one). "Title of Entry." Encyclopedia Title. Editor’s Name. Edition (blank if 1st edition). Number of Volumes. Place of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication.

Example:

Zahniser, Steven S. "Chain Migration." Encyclopedia of American Immigration. Ed. James Ciment. 4 vols. New York: M.E. Sharpe, 2001.

Record bibliographic citation:

Step Two: Search the book catalog to gather more depth on your topic and to narrow your focus further.

Book Catalog: The CGCC Library Catalog lists all the books and audiovisual materials owned by all ten Maricopa Community College libraries. (Hint: From the CGCC Library Homepage, click on "Books & More.")

Citation Format:

Author. Title of Book. Place of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication.

Online version (eBook):

Author. Title of Book. Place of Publication: Publisher, Publication Date. Ebrary. Chandler-Gilbert Community College Library, AZ. Date Accessed <<http://site.ebrary.com>>.

Record bibliographic citation:

Step Three: Continue researching your topic in more current sources such as magazine/journal databases and newspaper databases.

Magazines/Journals—Academic OneFile: This database provides access to 8,000 full text scholarly journals and general interest magazines. Subject coverage includes Social Science, Humanities, Science, and Technology journals. (Hint: From the CGCC Library Homepage, click on "Magazines & Journals.")

Citation Format:

Author (if given). "Article Title." Periodical Title Date Published: Page(s). Database. Publisher. Chandler-Gilbert Community College Library, Chandler, AZ. Date Accessed <<http://Internet Address>>.

Example:

Downey, Kevin. "Preachers and the Presidency." Broadcasting & Cable 11 February 2008: 18. Academic OneFile. Gale. Chandler-Gilbert Community College Library, Chandler, AZ. 1 March 2008 <<http://find.galegroup.com>>.

Record bibliographic citation:

Newspapers—National Newspapers: This online information database provides full-text access to the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, and Christian Science Monitor. (Hint: From the CGCC Library Homepage, click on “Newspapers.” At the next screen click on “National Newspapers.”)

Citation Format:

Author. "Article Title." Newspaper Title Date Published: Page(s). Database. Publisher. Chandler-Gilbert Community College Library, Chandler, AZ. Date Accessed <http://Internet Address>.

Example:

Carlson, Erin. “Noisy iPods are the New Pollutant.” Los Angeles Times 6 August 2007: E10. National Newspapers. Proquest. Chandler-Gilbert Community College Library, Chandler, AZ. 16 Sept. 2008 <http://proquest.umi.com>.

Record bibliographic citation:

Step Four: Continue searching your topic in web sites. Web sites can be great resources for locating reputable organizations/agencies as well as people to interview.

Internet Resources: Find at least one site where information related to your topic can be found. Web sites prescreened by CGCC librarians can be found on the CGCC Library Homepage under “Magazine/Journals” or “Newspapers” on the right side of the page. Be sure to determine the validity and reliability of the site you choose.

Citation Format:

Author/Editor (if given). “Title of Electronic Work.” Website. Publication Date. Sponsoring Organization. Date Accessed <http://Internet Address>.

Example:

“Five Pillars.” PBS Islam Empire of Faith. 2 Sept. 2008. Public Broadcasting Service. 16 Sept. 2008 <http://www.pbs.org/empires/islam/faithpillars.html>.

Record bibliographic citation:
