WHAT QUESTIONS / CONCERNS / THOUGHTS DO YOU HAVE FOR THIS SESSION?
A GUIDE FROM THE TRENCHES!

https://guides.lib.uconn.edu/engl1010
“The getting started is the hardest part...”

-Tom Petty
1950-2017
SUPPORTING STUDENT THINKING

What do you want your students to know?

How do you give students opportunities to demonstrate that knowledge?

How do you help your students get started?
STARTING OUT RESOURCES
STRAIGHTIES FOR INTERVENING IN THE
INFORMATION SEARCH PROCESS

Collaborating
• Working jointly with others

Continuing
• Proceeding at more than one point in time

Choosing
• Seeing what is interesting and pertinent

Charting
• Visualizing ideas, issues, questions, and strategies

Conversing
• Talking about ideas for clarity and further questions

Composing
• Writing to identify what is formulated and what is missing

https://wp.comminfo.rutgers.edu/ckuhlthau/information-search-process/
Students need help with background research!
They need help figuring out their direction (focus)
They need help figuring out how it all fits together
(this doesn’t just mean searching!)
CHARTING

- Help students to make a map of the direction their research can go (this is especially useful with Google / Search engines, which tend to create lists)
Keyword think, pair, share – from research now: https://guides.lib.uconn.edu/findinformation/keywords

Practice annotating their work – Stop and Jot: https://guides.lib.uconn.edu/ld.php?content_id=31205017
CONVERSING

How do you support peer-to-peer contact?

How do you support student – teacher contact?

(There are no wrong answers)
GET STARTED

https://guides.lib.uconn.edu/getstarted

Questions for Students! Suggestions for students!

Help coming up with Research Questions!

Instructor Support
CURRENT EVENTS / ISSUES

Issues & Controversies: https://rdl.lib.uconn.edu/databases/1106;go
CQ Researcher: https://rdl.lib.uconn.edu/databases/1450;go
GOOGLE SCHOLAR

- https://guides.lib.uconn.edu/ECE/offcampus
- What’s out there? Is anyone thinking about my topic?
- Familiar environment / interface gives opportunity to learn about scholarly communication (i.e., reading abstracts, following citation trails)
ACADEMIC SEARCH PREMIER

- Good for getting started
- Good when students might be looking at things too narrowly
- Good for 1010-1011

Good mix of news & peer-review

UConn has broad access to materials / ILL can quickly obtain pdfs
# LIBRARY DATABASES

**Who's thinking about this?**

**Who's writing/sharing about this?**

**In what way?**

## Research Database Locator: Find Articles & More

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- African American Studies
- Agriculture
- Animal Science
- Anthropology
- Art & Art History
- Asian American Studies
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Classics
- Communication
- Dramatic Arts
- Economics
- Education
- Engineering
- Environmental Science
- Gender and Sexual Minorities (LGBTQIA) Studies
- Health & Medicine
- History
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- Video
- Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
LIBRARY SEARCH

- Many different items!
- Can be very overwhelming!
- Only portal for E-books!