

For Students:

Situations to Avoid when doing Research

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1. Not understanding the assignment or not understanding the topic assigned to you before you begin researching.
2. Not leaving enough time to research.
3. Spending too much time researching / forgetting that you still have to read the material, make notes, organize the paper and write it.
4. Not gathering the information you will need for the work cited page at the time you first find the source.
5. Trying to recreate a used work cited page rather than find new sources.
6. Thinking the books will still be available on the shelf if you come back later.
7. Trying to find the precise article that matches your thesis statement word for word.
8. Using a full sentence in a keyword search.
9. Thinking that all resources are available for free on the web.
10. Not asking for help if you become frustrated with your search efforts.