**Researching an assignment**

**A guide to self-questioning**

**Starting the assignment**

Ask yourself:

* + What is the assignment asking me to do?
  + What are the key words?
  + What type of assignment is it?
  + What steps do I need to take to complete this?

**Thinking about research**

Ask yourself:

* + What type of sources do I need?
  + Do I need primary or secondary research?
  + How many references should I look for?

**Beginning research**

Ask yourself:

* + Where do I start looking for information?
  + Are the sources I have found accurate, reliable, current and written by an authoritative source?

**Note taking**

Ask yourself:

* + Am I including all the source information so I can accurately reference this?
  + Am I representing the author's ideas accurately and honestly?
  + Am I thinking carefully about what to include?

**After you have researched**

Ask yourself:

* + Have I answered the question completely?
  + Have I referenced all external sources accurately?
  + Have I proofread my work for errors?

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