

LIB3 - Information Competency
Assignment 3 - The research process - Final project draft

This assignment is also a final project draft; you need to submit a topic statement, an overview of your search result, and a partial bibliography with a minimum of 10 works cited on the topic. You will need to write a clear description of the **topic of your choice** in a complete sentence delineating points of view of your paper. **The topic of your choice will be used for this assignment and for the final project.** (You may want to take a look at the final project on the “Graded assignments” page.)

It would be easier and more helpful for you to keep the same topic for both this assignment 3 and for the final project because assignment 3 is a draft of the final project. Changing the topic later will require that you will have to redo all the work and compile a new bibliography.

You may refer to the sample search model in lesson 3 or to the following guidelines to help you with this assignment.

Decide on a current controversial topic. To find ideas about topics, you may consult the online reference source ***CQ Researcher***. It provides an excellent browsing by topic and accessible by password. Please refer to the list of database passwords given you at the beginning of the course.

This assignment requires using synonyms. Consult a thesaurus to find synonyms; an online thesaurus is accessible at: <http://thesaurus.reference.com/>

1. Write your topic statement in a complete sentence including a point of view on the topic.
2. Identify major concepts of your topic and write them down
3. Think of synonyms for these concepts and use them as necessary
4. Write a short introductory essay describing the reason you select this topic, which resource or resources (books, periodicals, Internet, interviews, etc.) you would use for your topic, and give detailed reasons why they are appropriate for this assignment.
5. Conduct the search on your topic using the resource(s) you have selected and compile a partial bibliography of at least 10 sources.