

Notes before you get started:

- 1) *To complete this worksheet, view the power point **How to Do Academic Research**. View it as a slide show so that you can see the animations. Answer the first section as you go through the power point.*

How to Do Academic Research

1. What's the first thing you should do when you begin doing academic research?
2. What are the two things you can do at the library (according to this power point)?
 - A)
 - B)
3. What do you click on to access the online library catalogue?
4. What do you do if your first search doesn't yield any results?
5. What type of skills should you use when deciding which search terms to use?
6. To get to NCLive, what page should you start on?
7. Will every article in your "results" list be relevant to your topic? How will you determine if it is relevant?
8. What is an abstract? Can you use quotes from the abstract in your paper?
9. What are the four ways to use the article?
 - A)
 - B)
 - C)
 - D)
10. How can you get a correct MLA style citation for this article?
11. Explain how to get a copy of an article that doesn't have Full Text access.
12. What is the password for using NCLive at home?

13. What do you do if you can't find any sources that support your point?
14. What does "paraphrase" mean?
15. What punctuation marks must you include when you directly quote a source?

Now Do Some Research

For this section, go to the library start page. You'll need to search for these answers on NCLive and the library catalogue.

1. In NCLive, enter the search term *medical marijuana*. What is the title of the article on this topic by Barbara Geller? **Give the MLA citation of this article.**
2. In NCLive, enter the search term *death penalty*. Who wrote the article titled "Capital Punishment, Criminals, and Enemies"? **Give the MLA citation of this article.**
3. In the SCC library catalogue, enter the search term *drinking age*. How many books does the library have that cover this subject? What is the title of the one that seems most relevant?

Go to NCLive. Enter a topic you are interested in for your argument essay as the search term. List the names of three articles that you may be able to use as sources for this essay.

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____

Pick one of these articles from NCLive that may be relevant to your topic. **Give the MLA citation for this source.** Write it here: