



PHASE 2: CHOOSING DATA

This is the most important phase, and it is often overlooked. Take care when selecting, verifying, and describing your data.

SELECTING DATA

Gather primary documents and datasets. Collect any relevant secondary datasets.

What sources will you pull from?

Take care in choosing data relevant to the information you want to communicate to a broader audience.

VERIFYING DATA

Make sure your documents are appropriate and authentic.

Will the data hold up under scrutiny?

If the answer is no, get rid of that dataset. Any questionable data should not be included.

DESCRIBING DATA

Create a custom dataset from the sources you gathered.

Why is this important?

This allows you to remove biases from your research and prevents other researchers from pointing out bad datasets.