

Library Project Basics

* All sources for this project can be found at the Lenoir Community College library (LRC). Before beginning the project, read pages 54-57 and 97-102 of your textbook.

Step 1: Choose a research topic. Although you can choose any topic from dragonflies to rugby, you may want to choose your intended major or intended career field since the next project will be the program project.

Step 2: If you live in the Kinston area, go to the LRC on campus and ask about the following steps of the project. If you do not live in the Kinston area, go to your town library or a nearby campus library. Some campus libraries give you a library card even if you do not attend the school.

Step 3: Find one article about your research topic on NCLive. Then complete the attachment called "NCLive Article". NCLive is a search database which allows students access to newspapers, magazines, and books online. You will use NCLive or another database multiple times while in college. To access NCLive:

1. Go to the LCC website: www.lenoircc.edu
2. Click the blue tab that reads "Library-LRC" on the left hand side of the page. Wait for the new page to appear.
3. Click the hyperlink that reads "NC LIVE" in the center of the page. Wait for the new page to appear.
4. If you are at an LCC computer, NCLive will appear in a new box. If you are at your home/off-campus computer, you will be asked to provide the name of your school (Lenoir Community College) and a password that changes every year. This year, the password is squabush. After providing the necessary information, click enter and wait for a new page to appear.
5. You have arrived at NCLive.org. Before beginning your search, be sure to scroll down to the bottom of the page and read the Frequently Asked Questions under "For New Users". The Help Guides provide powerpoint tutorials on how to use the various sites associated with NCLive. *Helpful Hint: the Advanced Search will provide more search help than the EZ Search.

Step 4: Complete a catalog search, which will include: checking out a book and finding an article in the reference section. Both must have information about your research topic. If you do not live in the Kinston area, you may need to complete this task at your local library. After checking out the book and finding a reference article, complete the attached forms titled "Book" and "Reference". To use the LRC Catalog to find a book and reference:

1. Go to the LCC website: www.lenoircc.edu
2. Click the blue tab that reads "Library-LRC" on the left hand side of the page. Wait for the new page to appear.
3. Click the hyperlink that reads "Online Catalog". (Directly under NC LIVE hyperlink)
4. When the catalog appears, you may begin searching for your research topic. If you have trouble, click the "help" link above the search box.

Step 5: Complete an internet search about your research topic. You can complete this task from the comfort of your home computer with no passwords. After you have found a reliable, resourceful website about your research topic, complete the attached form titled "Internet Source". When searching for reliable websites, look for:

Authority:

Who publishes the site? NASA or Society for Friends of UFOs? You would want to go with NASA.

Use .org (with the exception of Wikipedia), .gov, or .edu [Do not use .com sites.]

Accuracy:

Grammar: a reliable website will have the means to hire a good editor

Double check the site through the external links. Are the external links reliable?

Objectivity:

The site should be unbiased.

Check for logical fallacies

Currency:

Has the site been updated?

All sources should be written after 2005; however, realize that the currency matters depending on the subject. For instance, the Korean War is still over, but the cure for cancer has not been found.

Step 6: Submit all the completed forms by the due date. Check the schedule and announcements for an updated due date.

Internet Source

Who wrote the information and they are experts? Who sponsors the website?:

What is the purpose of the website? Is it to educate, sell, or biased to influence?:

When was the website created? When was it updated? Is the date current?:

Where did the author collect his/her information?:

Why is this page the best source to use?:

Website address: _____

Write one paragraph on how this article relates to your research topic. Do not summarize the article or copy any part of the website. How do you know this is a reliable internet source?
