

EIGHTH GRADE COMM. ARTS RESEARCH CHECKLIST

What is your topic? _____

List related keywords: _____

What is your point of view? _____

1. **BOOKS AND AUDIOVISUALS** - use the **INFOCENTRE** catalog to locate books, videos, or pamphlets. Do an **ADVANCED SEARCH** for best results. (AND,OR, AND NOT) Add the titles you want to your **LIST**.



Open your list when you are done. (It will be in "notepad" format.)
TYPE YOUR NAME AND PERIOD at the top of the list.
SAVE this to your personal drive.

2. **MAGAZINE AND NEWS ARTICLES** - articles are available online.
EBSCO Student Research Center (<http://search.epnet.com>)
Infotrac Online (<http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/wamslib>)
PROQUEST (<http://proquest.umi.com/login>)
Today's Science Online - (<http://www.2facts.com>)

3. **INTERNET RESOURCES** - Use search engines, such as *Google*, to locate web pages. Identify 1-2 useful keywords. Identify 1-2 useful phrases. **KEYWORDS ARE USUALLY NOUNS (person, place, thing, animal) or ideas, actions, etc.)**
- Enclose phrases between quotes: "**animal rights**"
 - Use the plus sign to include additional keywords, such as: "**animal rights**" **+experimentation**
 - Delete a keyword by using a minus sign: "**Florida panthers**" **-hockey** (if you only wanted the animal and not the sports team!)
 - Narrow your results by adding **site:org** or **site:edu** in the search box. This will limit your web pages to those from **organizations** or **educational institutions**.

You must complete the evaluation form: "Can you Trust this Web Site?" for any web page you use for research. (The "pink" page.)

4. **REFERENCE SOURCES** - look in the reference section for **specialized encyclopedias** and reference books. Call numbers are listed in the computer catalog starting with **REF**.

GENERAL ENCYCLOPEDIAS, such as Encarta, World Book, Grolier, Britannica **MAY NOT** be used for this project! This includes online encyclopedias and print volumes.