

LIBRARY RESEARCH

Thursday, September 22

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Here's a reminder of the assignments you're working on:



- **Research Proposal and Bibliography (due Monday, October 3)**

To begin your research project this term, you will write a one-page research proposal, telling me the topic you would like to explore and why you'd like to explore it. You will also create a two-page, single-spaced bibliography of primary and secondary sources that will enable you to research that subject.



- **Research Paper (due in class on Tuesday, November 8)**

Based on your interpretation of your sources, you will write a 15-page research paper on the topic you selected.

To get started, follow the instructions below during class today. If any of the instructions are confusing, or you need help narrowing down your topic, talk to Cate!

1. Use the [Knox library catalog](#) to find a book related to the topic you want to research this term. Copy down the call number.
2. Go find the book in the stacks
3. Look at the books around the book you picked. Do you see anything else that might be useful to you?

4. Bring the book down to show Cate (you can bring down and check out other books too)
5. Figure out how to cite the book for a footnote, and for a bibliography, using the [Chicago Manual of Style](#).

(Here is a [general research guide for doing research in history courses](#) that may be helpful to you! In particular, you'll find really great help on citing using Chicago Style (and a short instructional video) under the '[Citing Sources](#)' tab.)

6. Show Cate or Laurie Sauer (our library liaison) your citation to check it's correct
7. Use the database America: History and Life to find a secondary-source article related to your topic. [You can get access to this database through our library catalog](#).
8. Download that article
9. Figure out how to cite that article for a footnote, and a bibliography, using the [Chicago Manual of Style](#)
10. Show Cate or Laurie Sauer your citation to check it's correct
11. Use [Google Scholar](#) to find a secondary-source article related to your topic
12. Find a full text version of that article, using [our library catalog](#). If you can't find a full text version, place [an interlibrary loan request](#) for it.
13. Figure out how to cite that article for a footnote, and a bibliography, using the [Chicago Manual of Style](#)
14. Show Cate or Laurie your citation to check it's correct
15. Use Google to find a website that can support your research into the topic you've picked.

16. Evaluate whether the website is trustworthy and list your reasons for finding it trustworthy below (use as much space as you need):

17. Figure out how to cite your website for a footnote, and a bibliography, using the [Chicago Manual of Style](#)

18. Show Cate or Laurie your citation to check it's correct

19. Go to [dp.la](#) and explore the primary sources related to the topic you're researching. Find something that is really interesting to you!

20. Figure out how to cite one of the primary sources you found using the Chicago Manual of Style. (You are likely to need to consult the full guide [here](#))

21. Show your citation to Cate or Laurie to check it's correct

22. Keep searching for primary sources, and consult with Cate and Laurie if you run into difficulties!