SA 100 – Perspectives on Canadian Society - Library Workshop

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Who might publish

- Scholars
- Government
- Associations
- News Media
- Non-governmental organizations (NGOs)
- Self-publishing
- Others
Learning About a New Discipline

- How does a newcomer know as to what the discipline considers to be important?
- Ideas?
- Where does one start?
“Importance”

- Decided by the shared agreements & understandings among the scholars of that discipline
- Found through the scholarly conversations of that discipline
Identify the Scholarly Conversations

- Critiques
- Debates
- Frameworks
- Methodologies
- Theories
Entry Points to Scholarly Debates

- Overview Sources
- Scholarly Books
- Journal Articles
- Literature Reviews
- Bibliographies
- New Dissertations
Start with Overview Sources

Help to Identify key ideas, debates, authors, books, journal articles

- Encyclopaedias
- Handbooks
Time Saving Search Strategies

- Search the databases of a discipline for scholarly articles
- Use Catalogue Search for scholarly books
- Use bibliographies of relevant sources to identify more sources
“Grey” Literature

- Government
  - Reports, policies, programs, statistics

- Non-governmental organizations (NGOs)
  - Advocacy groups
  - Think tanks
  - Research groups

- Industry, trade or professional organizations
Evaluate Information from internet

- Is the **author a recognized expert** in the area?
- Does the information **seem credible** based on other sources that you've read?
- Who is the **intended audience** for this resource?
- **How recently** was this resource published or last updated?
- Are the **author's sources clearly cited** (are there references or a bibliography)?
“Cite” Your Sources

- Do the tutorial:
  - “Understanding and avoiding plagiarism”
  - http://www.lib.sfu.ca/help/academic-integrity/plagiarism-tutorial
Library Guides by Subject

Help / Research guides by subject & course

Research guides: Find materials/sources by subject & course

See also:
- Research guides by type or format of publication
- Guides on writing papers and citing sources
- Tutorials
- Start your research here: an overview of the research process
- Librarians and their subject areas (liaison librarians)

A
- African Diaspora
- Anthropology
- Archaeology
- Asia-Canada Studies

B
- Biological Sciences
- Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology
- Business
Brainstorming About Your Topic

Before you search, create a concept map

- **Identify key terms** that describe research concepts
- **Identify synonyms** & related words for each key concept
Create a concept map

Topic: Child poverty in Canada (focus on some groups)

(child OR children OR youth OR adolescents)
AND
(poverty OR poor OR low income)
AND
(race OR visible minorities OR immigrants)
AND
(Canada OR British Columbia OR BC or Vancouver)
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Scholarly articles

World of information

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