

Use the GALE Student Resource Center database to complete your research, using the steps below.

1. Choose and click on a **category** that interests you (i.e. *Science, Biography*, etc.). Then, locate (but do not click) a specific **topic** within this category that you would like to research

(ie. If you chose *Science*, perhaps you might be interested in *Tsunamis*.)

2. Effective research starts with a narrow focus. If your search is too broad, you will have difficulty finding the information you are looking for. Narrow your research to a specific **QUESTION** about your topic, using one of the sentence frames below.

What is the impact of _____ on _____?

What is the significance of _____?

How has _____ affected _____?

What are the effects of _____ on _____?

How/Why has _____ developed?

How was the problem of _____ solved?

What causes/d _____?

What contributes/d to _____?

How are _____ and _____ similar and/or different?

(i.e. if I were to choose the category of *Science* and the topic of *Tsunamis*, I might ask :

What causes Tsunamis to occur? OR How are Tsunamis and Earthquakes related?)

3. Now that you have your question, click the link for your topic and browse through ALL of the available resources. You will notice that there are newspaper articles, magazine articles, encyclopedia entries, videos, images and much more. You should spend a fair amount of time reading through the available resources to find answers to your question.

4. Choose 3 specific **QUOTES** from 3 different and distinct resources as answers to your question.

5. For each quote, you will be responsible for providing a **CITATION** for the resource.

6. Finally, you will **PARAPHRASE** your quotes into your own words to avoid plagiarism.

Name: _____

Period: _____

RESEARCH ASSIGNMENT RUBRIC

	Requirements	Possible Points (100 pts total)	Your Points
Research Question	The question you wrote was focused from your chosen topic. It was not too broad, but utilized the sentence frames provided.	10	
Evidence/Quotes	You found quotes that accurately and specifically answered your research question. Additionally, these quotes were from three distinct and unique resources.	10 pts each x 3 = 30	
Citations	You provided citations for the resources in which your quotes were taken. These citations are written accurately.	10 pts each x 3 = 30	
Paraphrasing	You paraphrased your research quotes into answers that are written in your own words to avoid plagiarism.	10 pts each x 3 = 30	
		TOTAL	