**ENGL 1A Carney-Waddy**

1. **Topics & Background Information**

Get oriented to your topic:

* *CQ Researcher*: Reports on public policy issues
* *Opposing Viewpoints*: Articles on controversial issues
* *Pew Research Center*: Opinion polls, demographics, statistics
* *Wikipedia*: Helpful overview of key issues and terminology

Identify **keywords** (Key concepts, people, organizations, events, related terms):

Identify any **research questions** you have. What interests you about this topic? What do you want to learn more about?

1. **Search for Articles in the Library Databases**

* Use your keywords to find at least 2 articles using one of the library databases or SuperSearch
* Use the search filters and limiters to narrow down your results. Tips:
  + Limit to Scholarly/Academic/Peer-reviewed journals
  + Filter by Publication date
  + Experiment with different keyword combinations
* Email yourself the articles
* Include the MLA citation

**MLA Documentation**

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