Wrest: ART B36: Survey of Western Art History II

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Research Requirements

• Analysis of artwork from 1300-present.
• Be specific with topic you choose.
• Need a thesis statement.
• Must have 4 or more sources that are either books, academic journal articles, or reputable websites.
• Websites may not be online encyclopedias, wikis, or art blogs.
• May use MLA, Chicago Style, or basic footnote citation formatting for paper and source citations.
The Research Process
First Step: Brainstorm Ideas & Outline Your Existing Knowledge of the Topic

- Doesn’t have to be a formal outline.

Concept Chart:
- Movement
  - Be natural.
  - No distracting mannerisms.
  - Natural style.
  - Hold objects high.
  - No excessive, uncontrolled movement.
- Facial Expression — Smile!
- Body Language
  - Natural
  - Integrate/coordinate with text.
  - Use to pace yourself.
  - Number/vigor depends on audience size.
- Posture
  - Practice good posture.
  - Don’t lean.
  - Don’t sit.

Research Paper
Outline

Diagram showing a concept chart with branches for movement, facial expression, body language, and posture.
“You have a working knowledge of a topic when you can talk about it for one minute without repeating yourself.” (Research Strategies, Badke, 2008, p.21)

• Read material that will give you a broader picture of the topic.

Reference Books

• Examples: encyclopedia, dictionary, almanac, atlas, directory, handbook, thesaurus.
• Can help you figure out or narrow down your topic.
• Gives overview or background info on a topic.
• Quick access to facts.
• Not read cover to cover.
• Can’t be checked out.
• Found in bookcases with green labels.

Some examples...
Keep Going!

• As you learn more, you should be asking more questions.
• Pick one of your questions to explore in depth, and that could have more than one answer/point of view.
• This should help you focus in and narrow down your topic.
Narrowing a Topic

• Is there a specific time period you want to cover?
• Is there a geographic region or country on which you would like to focus?
• Is there a particular aspect of this topic that interests you?
  • historical influence, sociological aspects, specific groups or individuals involved in the topic, etc.

(Adapted from www.lib.duke.edu/libguide/refining.htm)
### Examples of How to Narrow a Topic

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<td>Music</td>
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Note that each broad topic is narrowed until a manageable research topic is clarified. The last column can be turned into your paper’s **ESSENTIAL QUESTION**.
Let’s Recap...

• Pre-research and narrowing down your topic.

https://youtu.be/Esd4pGnlfI
Once you have determined your essential question you will need to answer it in the form of a thesis statement.

A thesis statement expresses the main idea of your paper.

It should state the topic and describe your position in third person.

A well-written thesis statement has two parts:
1. The answer to your essential question (your position).
2. Your reasons.

Everything in your paper should support your position.
My Essential Question:
Should smoking be banned in public places?

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Essential Question: Why did Andy Warhol use everyday items in his art?

Thesis Statement: Andy Warhol made art with recognizable images from consumer culture to critique American materialism in the post WWII era.
I Have a Thesis...Now What?

• To defend your thesis, you need research to back up your reasons (supporting arguments).

• Make sure to acknowledge the other point of view, as well.
It’s Time for More Research!

https://www.flickr.com/photos/mcmscience/17664002728
How to Develop Keywords/Search Terms

• Find **key words or phrases** in your paper’s essential question.
  • The word or words that the question is about.
  • The important words related to your topic.

• Example: How does someone’s poverty level affect their access to higher education?
  • What are the important words?

  How does someone’s poverty level affect their access to higher education?
How to Develop Keywords/Search Terms

• Next you will develop a list of **synonyms** for these key words/ phrases.

• What are words we could use for **higher education**?

  - college, university, post-secondary education
Let’s See It In Action...

https://www.youtube.com/watch?annotation_id=annotation_532348&feature=iv&src_vid=1tUqc4gnxc8&v=Ui-iFnS-9hs
Possible Subject Headings

• The library on-line catalog uses specific labels for subject headings/topics. It is expecting you to use those search terms.
• Refer to the LibGuide to get ideas of subject headings to use as search terms for this project.
Library Resources with 24/7 Access
Library On-line Catalog

• BC Library Catalog
• Use to find non-fiction, reference, and e-books
• Use Basic “Subject begins with” search

To the Library!
E-books

• Some search results for BC Library Catalog = e-books (single user)
• Use BC eBook Collection for over 170,000 e-books (multi-user) not accessible by Library Catalog
What Are Databases?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q2GMtLuaNzU
What Are Databases?

- Databases are searchable collections of reliable, vetted resources, like encyclopedias, magazines, academic journals, and newspapers.
- Not part of the visible Internet—Google doesn’t have access to these articles.
- We pay for access to the servers that host the database search-engines.
Recommended Databases

Academic Journals

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MasterFILE Complete
Getting to the Databases

Welcome to the Grace Van Dyke Bird Library

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  - Journal and magazine articles from various disciplines
- Gate Biography in Context
  - Reference, journal, and magazine articles regarding significant people, past and present
- Robarts Rare Books
  - Tables, bibliographies, and statistics covering today's hottest social issues
- Gate Opposing Viewpoints
  - Overviews, literary criticism, and reviews on writers from all disciplines

Digital Archives
- JSTOR
  - Digitized back issues of academic journals
- Gate 19th Century U.S. Newspapers
  - Full-text database of American newspapers of the 19th century
- Gate Slavery and Abolition
  - History of slavery from the original books, newspapers, pamphlets, manuscripts, etc.
- Times: London News Archive 1788-1900

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  - Journal and magazine articles in the applied sciences and computing disciplines
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  - Includes Grove Music Online and other Oxford music reference resources
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  - Full-text coverage of many of today's major newspapers, newsweeklies, and magazines
From Home

Use your BC @ number, **without** the @ symbol.

**To the Databases!**
Internet Websites

• Tip: Search your topic with site: .gov (or .edu, .org, etc.)
Give credit where credit is due! Those weren’t your ideas!
How Will I Remember All This?! 

• Use the Library’s navigation bar to access our LibGuides.

• “ART B36: Survey of Western Art History II”
Any other questions??