Research Strategies

BIDS 295
Alcohol Use and Abuse:
Causes and Consequences
What is your topic? What questions are you interested in?

• State your research topic
  – Is your project focused?
  – Does it have a point of view?

• What natural scientific questions will you need answers to?
• What socio-cultural questions will you need answers to?
What kind of information sources will you need to research your topic?

• Some sample sources that one can find on the internet
  – Personal web sites
  – Commercial web sites
  – Organization web sites
  – Government sites/publications
  – Educational institution sites
  – Scholarly journals

• Evaluate your sources
  – Who is the publisher?
  – Why is this information being made available?
  – Is the information trustworthy?
General Sources and Research Ideas

(http://www.alcoholeducationproject.org/researchlinks/rlinks.htm)

• NIAAA - Alcohol Alerts
• NIAAA - Alcohol Research and Health Issues
• HWS Library Holdings
  – Films
  – Books
• College Drinking – Journal of Studies on Alcohol
• 10th Special Report to Congress
Finding Scholarly Sources From Bibliographic Search Engines

• Google and Google Scholar
• ETOH from NIAAA
• Other specialized databases from NIAAA
• HWS library databases
Accessing Articles

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