

Worksheet 19 – Research tips

Top tips for researching

- Be sure you understand the question you are researching and be clear on what you are trying to find out. You will be able to focus your research and won't waste time. Keep going back to your initial research questions and stick to these
- Start by looking up definitions of key concepts to make sure you fully understand them
- If your teacher recommends a certain journal, website or book – use it
- Note down your information sources fully so you can reference them later on. This will lend your essay credibility
- Make sure these information sources are reliable
- Make sure you refer to at least several different information sources
- Make clear notes when reading an article so you can use what you need later on
- If you're using the Internet, use smart searches. Use key concepts and terms.
- Your essay is only 1000-2000 words long, so know how much information you need – probably only a few sources so don't get stuck on researching so much that you run out of time to actually write