The information cycle

The information cycle shows the main steps involved in searching for information. The text in blue is the associated module for each step.

Understand the assignment question. What do you need to find information about?

My assignment - Help!

Identify key search words and phrases.

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Select another database to search. Repeat your search. Analyse results. Record all references you may use. Select a database(s).
Choosing databases

Record references you may use. Basics: Referencing & plagiarism

Analyse your results.

Use the information to shape and inform your essay. List all references used, using APA or Vancouver style.

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Search on the database using key words and phrases.

Doing your search

Narrow your search using limits (dates, search by field, add terms); or expand your search (use synonyms, remove very defined key words).

Doing your search: Refining your search Analyse your results. Are the articles on your topic? Do you have too many results, or not enough?

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