

# How To Find A Credible Source

Step 1: What is your topic about?

- Before you research anything, you need to determine what your topic is
- Once you know your topic, look up keywords and avoid using words like: is, and, are, it, and other basic words. Also avoid using too much punctuation in your source

Step 2: Where do I research?

- If you are going to Google your topic, make sure you do NOT use sources like Wikipedia and other websites that are “.com” pages
  - Use sources that are .org, .net, .edu
- Use the Library Databases! JSTOR, Ebscohost
- Make sure that the author of the source is a credible author
  - Ex: A professor of history will be able to provide better information than a website made by someone that is in high school.

How To Navigate the Library Website:

1. Go to the Chagrin Falls School District Website and click on the highschool tab
2. Look at the left hand column and scroll down until you see “Library Media Center”
3. Once your one the Library Media Center page, click “Research Databases”
4. The Research Database page has tons of information on websites that will be a credible source. They are separated into different categories like General, Science, Health, exc.
5. We recommend using JSTOR or Ebscohost (under the General tab).
  - a. JSTOR Username: chagrin
  - b. JSTOR Password: 44022