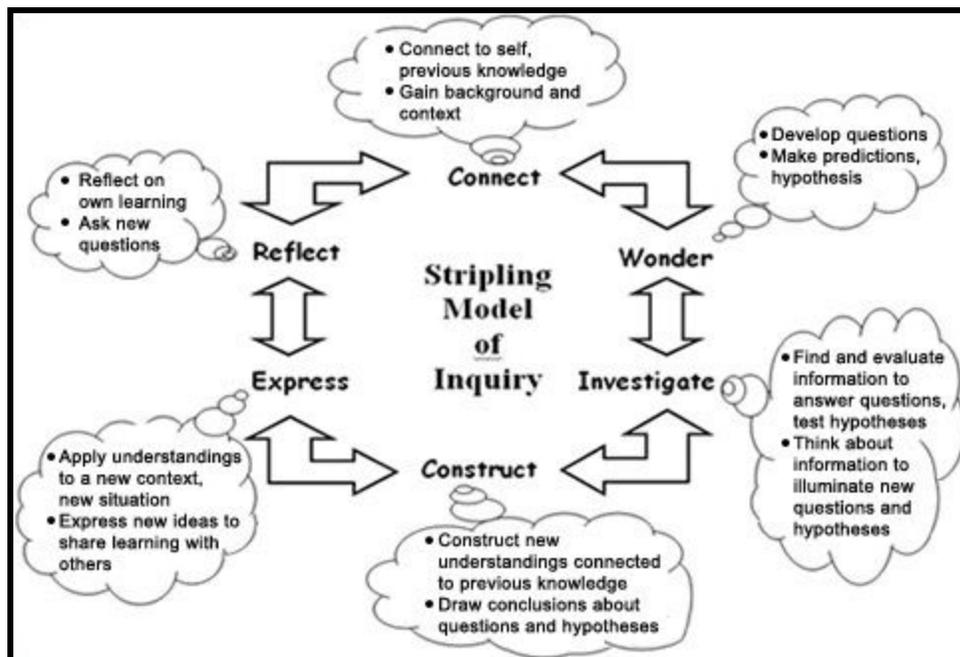


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*In order to thoroughly research and educate yourself about your **Disease or Epidemic**, you must read about the topic in a variety of different academic and scholarly sources. Do not “just Google it” and select whatever sites pop up on the top of the list. If you want to perform a web*

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search, I recommend the search engine [RefSeek \(www.refseek.com\)](http://www.refseek.com), which is designed for students and produces more academic search results.

You are fortunate to have a world of information available literally at your fingertips. Here are some recommended resources to help you learn more about diseases of the human body!

Mrs. Walkins

Britannica Online



The **Britannica online encyclopedia** is an excellent place to begin your research. The articles will provide a general overview of your topic, as well as links to additional resources. Acquiring some general knowledge about the disease you are researching will enable you to create a list of **search terms** to use as you delve deeper into the subject. Access our subscription to Britannica through the [SJP Learning Commons](#) page.

Print Resources

We have many individual titles about particular diseases. They are shelved in the Science section (610-619) of the non-fiction collection. (e.g., *Influenza: the next pandemic?* 614.5 Gol). We also have medical resources in the Reference collection. (e.g., *Gray's Anatomy* R 612 GRA).

If you are researching a historical epidemic, you might find some good resources (e.g., *Life in the Time of Shakespeare* by Hal Marcovitz 942.055 MAR) in the history section as well (900-999).

E-Books



In addition to our print resources, we also offer e-books on our [FollettShelf](#) on the [SJP Learning Commons](#) page

Each student has a Follett account (user name = firstname.lastname password = sjp e-mail password). You can read the books online or borrow and download them onto your computer. Some helpful titles for this project include:

Encyclopedia of Human Body Systems
American Indians of the Northeast and Southeast

Atlas of American History
Atlas of World History

Search for **print and e-book** titles in our [online catalog](#).

Databases

You can access the **Gale Databases** through the [SJP Learning Commons](#) page. Each database includes numerous articles from reputable scholarly journals and magazines which will provide valuable information. For this project, I recommend the following databases:

World History in Context
General Science Collection
Health Reference Center Academic
Nursing and Allied Health Collection

Global Issues in Context
Science in Context
Health and Wellness Resource Center

On the Web

The following websites offer medical information from reliable sources.

[CDC A-Z Index](#)

[Medlineplus](#)

[CDC FastStats](#)

[Public Library of Science](#)

[Mayo Clinic: Diseases and Conditions](#)

MLA Documentation Style



The [Purdue OWL](#) (Online Writing Lab) website provides links to information about how to format your paper, cite your sources and write an annotation in proper MLA format. Refer to these links when composing your **Annotated Bibliography**.

[MLA Formatting and Style Guide](#)

[In-text Citations](#)

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Search Strategies

When doing online research it is important to consult a variety of resources, including the Gale Databases, the SJP print collection, ebooks, online encyclopedias, and other pertinent websites.

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As you read and learn more about your topic, expand your research by creating a list of **keywords** and using a **variety of search terms, limiters and search operators**. It is also important to evaluate your resources for **Authority, Intent, Reliability, Timeliness** and **Usefulness**.



[Refining your Search Results](#) (Prezi)



[Evaluating Resources](#) (video tutorial)

Refine your search results by using these search limiters and search operators:

Boolean operators

And (+)

Not (-)

Near

Or (combine searches)

Wild Cards

Bibl*

Teen*

Search Limiters

“Search term” find exact match

~Search term find synonyms

Site:.gov limit to particular sites

Related: find related sites

Info: find details about site

News: find news articles

Intext: finds term in text of article

Intitle: finds term in title of article

Link:URL finds sites that point to URL

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Click on links that may lead to further information. Check the references included at the end of articles to find additional resources.