



## Steps in Research Paper Project

### **Step 1: Choose a topic and research question.**

Finish preliminary reading, and choose a research question. Your research question should be a question that you are interested in answering within your general topic, and it should be a question that you can answer in the paper length that your instructor assigned.

### **Step 2: Research.**

Once your instructor approves the topic (if approval was required), start researching according to your research question. Research in the HACS library databases and catalogs if needed.

### **Step 3: Create an outline.**

Create an outline for your paper. You will use this outline to guide you when you begin writing the paper.

### **Step 4: Write the paper.**

Write the paper based on your outline. The paper should include an introduction, body paragraphs, and a conclusion.

### **Step 5: Edit and proofread the paper.**

Use any remaining time before the paper deadline to edit and proofread the paper. Make sure the paper has a title page, a bibliography, and footnotes. Compare the paper to the assignment instructions provided by the course instructor.