ANT348: Medical Anthropology

Researching your topic

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Course research guide
MODEL OF THE INFORMATION SEARCH PROCESS

| Tasks       | Initiation   | Selection     | Exploration    | Formulation   | Collection    | Presentation
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(Kuhlthau, 2004, p. 82.)
Non-linear!
EXPLORING YOUR TOPIC
Graphic organizer: Concept map

Concept map example (nursing)

Graphic organizer: Concept ladder

Broader; More abstract

Narrow; More specific
Pulling apart your topic

Mapping Your Search Concepts

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2
Basic vs advanced search

Start your search
alcoholism native Canadians

Searching: Anthropology Plus | Choose Databases
aboriginal OR indigenous OR first nations OR
AND alcohol* OR addiction
AND canada

Basic Search Advanced Search Search History
WHERE DO YOU START YOUR SEARCH?

(no right or wrong answer)
What is a database, anyway? How is one different from another?
Efficiency tip

Keep track of what you search and where
Citation searching

backwards

Your article’s references

forwards

Your article

Other articles that used your article as a reference
Questions?

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