







Using GMU Library for Research

¹The George Mason University library offers many video and PDF tutorials to help you research efficiently and strategically. This handout has only a few of them. Please watch/read the ones you need and then head over to <https://library.gmu.edu/tutorials/student-tutorials> for more!

Starting the Research	
<i>Where/how do we begin this research journey? Here are some ideas!</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1.30min "Concept Map Plan your research" https://library.gmu.edu/tutorials/concept-map• 3.34min "Narrowing a Topic" https://le-credoreference-com.mutex.gmu.edu/george-mason/ilcm-narrowing-your-topic• 2.04min "Qualitative vs Quantitative Research" https://le-credoreference-com.mutex.gmu.edu/george-mason/quantitative-qualitative-research-video-ilcm
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PDF "Types of Sources" https://library.gmu.edu/sites/default/files/users/hli38/Script-PopularScholarlyTradeGreyLiteratureChart-CFerrance-20180614.pdf• PDF "Primary vs Secondary Sources" https://library.gmu.edu/sites/default/files/common/tutorials/PDF-tutorials/Primary%20%26%20Secondary%20Updated.pdf
Searching for Sources	
<i>How do we search for sources efficiently and strategically? Watch these videos for the answer!</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1.52min "Mason Basic Search" https://library.gmu.edu/tutorials/masonsearch1• 1.45min "Mason Advanced Search" https://library.gmu.edu/tutorials/masonsearch2• 3.18min "Searching is Strategic PT 2" https://le-credoreference-com.mutex.gmu.edu/george-mason/searching-is-strategic-part-2
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• "Ask a librarian" https://library.gmu.edu/ask Nothing beats a one-on-one chat with a librarian who is specialized in finding sources in your field. Schedule an appointment with one or chat with them online. Click the link above!
Evaluating Your Sources	
<i>How do we know that our sources are excellent for our research? Watch this video for the answer!</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4.40min video "Evaluating Sources" https://le-credoreference-com.mutex.gmu.edu/george-mason/evaluating-sources
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PDF Anatomy of a Scholarly Article https://www.lib.ncsu.edu/tutorials/scholarly-articles/• PDF Interpreting Citations https://library.gmu.edu/tutorials/reading-citations

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