PHIL 120 - Library Research

- Review
  - What resources have you used?
  - What do you know about the library/resources?

- Philosophy Resources
  - Subject Guide
  - Book Chapters & Journal Articles – Philosopher’s Index

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Information & Research in Time

Reviews

News Sources
- Captures a phenomenon as it occurs

Journalists
1 - 6 months

General Audience

Scholarly Audience

More scholarly resources emerge
- Many testing, advancing or disputing previous scholars’ work

In-depth investigation occurs
- Usually done by news resources providing long-form essays, editorials & investigational

Scholarly Resources emerge on a phenomenon
- Reports, White Papers, Journal Articles & Books

1.5 - 3 years

Scholars

6 months - 1.5 years

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When/Why do you cite?

What?
- Information that isn’t common knowledge or general facts
- Direct Quotations
- Summarizing or Paraphrasing ideas from source
- Additional information needed/explanation

Why?
- Avoid plagiarism…intentional OR unintentional
- Need to give credit to original
- “Breadcrumb” trail to find information
- Further research ideas – trace ideas
Citing Example

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**1. Introduction**

Bans on guns are typically considered a “liberal” policy, if only because those who support them generally consider themselves to be politically liberal in some sense or other. We will argue, however, that broad bans on firearms are in fact not liberal policies at all. The policy of a state that disarms its citizenry conflicts with more than one of the fundamental principles of liberalism. The degree and nature of the conflict between liberalism and gun bans depends, however, on how one conceives of liberalism. In this regard, gun bans serve as a means of illustrating the disparity between two fundamentally different versions of liberalism, which we shall call wide and narrow liberalism. We shall try to show that a complete ban on the private possession of firearms is impermissible on either view; in fact any meaningful restriction is difficult to justify in the context of wide liberalism. Narrow liberalism, on the other hand, permits more restrictions, but, if applied consistently, is unlikely to allow ones that will result in a significant decrease in violent crime.
In-Text

**MLA or Chicago/Turabian:**
- If author’s name is used in the sentence – page only: (354).
- If author’s name is not used in the sentence – page number AND author: (Smith 354).

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According to Jones (1998), "Students often had difficulty using APA style, especially when it was their first time" (p. 199).

She stated, "Students often had difficulty using APA style" (Jones, 1998, p. 199), but she did not offer an explanation as to why.
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