Organize Your Research

There are many ways to research, such as reading articles and books, visiting museums and historical sites, or interviewing an expert. Once you have gathered information, you may need to organize it before you can answer questions or begin writing. Use this page to help you organize your research.

Choose a Method of Organization

There are different ways to organize your research. It may be helpful to make an outline, a chart, a diagram, or a bar graph. Think about what you wanted to learn when you started researching, and then choose a method.

Review Your Research

Read through the information you gathered and highlight the important facts. Think about the question or questions you wanted to answer as you read.

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Organize the highlighted information into an outline, chart, diagram, or graph.

Think About the Information Gathered

Have you found all the information you need about your subject? If not, go back and gather more information.

Credit Your Sources

Did you remember to give credit for your sources? If you are using many sources, it might be helpful to list each fact from a different source on a separate note card labeled with the source information.