

Put it in your own words!

My research question (or thesis) is:

Source # 1: What is the source?

- Title, author, URL if online source.

- List/describe evidence that this is a valid and reliable website.

- Copy and paste important/relevant text or image here.

a. Paraphrase in your own words: The most important parts of the text are:

b. This information connects to my focus/main idea/thesis in the following ways:

Source #2: What is the source?

- Title, author, URL if online source.
- List/describe evidence that this is a valid and reliable website.
- Copy and paste text or image here

c. Paraphrase in your own words: The most important parts of the text are:

d. This information connects to other information I have found in the following ways:

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- List/describe evidence that this is a valid and reliable website.
- Copy and paste text or image here

e. Paraphrase in your own words: The most important parts of the text are:

f. This information connects to other information I have found in the following ways:

Steps:

1. Develop research question(s) and/ or focus for topic
2. Pull books and search other online sources
3. Read through sources
4. Start gathering relevant information (using “Put it in your own words” template or other method) Cite sources.
5. Gather and organize information
6. Craft focus statement/ main idea with supporting ideas/evidence
7. Categorize information: what goes where? (E.g., younger students can start with linking two related fact statements. Older students might organize information around key research questions using a graphic organizer)
8. Draft
9. Revise
10. Edit/proofread