DEVELOPING A RESEARCH PLAN

Before beginning to research a topic, it’s a good idea to have a plan. Otherwise you may end up lost in a jungle of information! Complete the worksheet to develop a research plan.

1. Circle the sources of information that you think will help you to research your topic.

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2. What is your research topic? ______________________________________________________

3. What questions do you want to answer with your research?

A ______________________________________________________
B ______________________________________________________
C ______________________________________________________

4. Skim some of the sources that you identified in number one. List the titles of three sources that contain information. Rate each source.

1: not much info  
2: some info  
3: enough info  
4: LOTS of info

Source #1 ________________________________
Source #2 ________________________________
Source #3 ________________________________

4. Review your ratings. Then put a check mark beside your next step:

__________ I think I will find enough information on my topic to complete my report.

__________ I had trouble finding information; I will talk to my teacher about changing topics or locating better sources.

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