Your Road Map to Successful Research!

Just like you would consult a map before setting out on a long journey, before beginning to research a topic, it’s a good idea to know where you’re going, and where you hope to end up. Complete the worksheet below to develop a research plan.

**IDENTIFY TOPIC**

What is your topic?

**KNOW WHERE YOU ARE GOING**

List three questions that your research should answer.

**IDENTIFY SOURCES**

- book
- dictionary
- encyclopedia
- thesaurus
- magazine
- newspaper
- online research
- other: _______________________

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

**QUESTIONS**

1. 
2. 
3.

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.

You’re Ready to Research!