

**AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ENGLISH 1301 – COMPOSITION I**

INFO GAME WORKSHEET

This is to be filled out while going through the Info Game (<http://library.austincc.edu/infogame.htm>).

When you are finished you should have:

- a focused topic
- good search terms and what sources are needed
- citation to at least one reference source
- citation to a book
- citation to one or more articles from periodicals
- experience with quotes, paraphrasing, and documentation

If you need help, contact a librarian in person, by phone, by chat, by instant message, or by e-mail. See <http://library.austincc.edu/help/ask.htm>

1. Write your topic and thesis statement:

Topic:

Thesis statement:

2. List keywords to use when searching for your topic. Remember to include of variations of your keywords (for example, teenagers OR adolescents OR teens).

3. Do an information needs checklist for your topic.

___ Need background ___ Only need specifics

Do you need hard facts, such as statistics, definitions, formulas?

___ Yes ___ No

Does your topic emphasize historical information or recent events more?

___ Historical ___ Recent ___ Need both

Does your topic relate more to:

___ Science and technology?

___ Humanities (the arts, literature, philosophy, etc.)?

___ Social sciences (government, business, psychology, social issues, history)?

___ Personal interests (hobbies, sports, etc.)

4. List one book from the ACC Library catalog that looks useful for your topic.

Why does this look useful?

Author(s):

Title:

City where published:

Name of publisher:

Publication date:

Is this a print book or an online e-book? ___ print ___ e-book (If e-book, who is the provider? For example, NetLibrary. _____)

5. List one source from Gale Virtual Reference Library that is useful for your topic. (Note: fill in all the blanks below so you will have everything for your MLA works cited.)

Why did you pick this source?

Author(s):

Title of article or chapter:

Title of source:

Editor(s) of source (if given):

Publication date:

Page numbers:

Name of database: Gale Virtual Reference Library

Date used:

6. List one article from Academic Search Complete that is useful for your topic. (Note: fill in all the blanks below so you will have everything for your MLA works cited. Some information has been filled in for you.)

Why did you select this article?

Author(s) (if given):

Title of article:

Name of periodical:

Volume number (if a scholarly journal): Publication date: Page numbers:

Name of database: Academic Search Complete Date used:

7. OPTIONAL: If you found a good source in the Specialized Databases, list it here:

8. Practice documenting your sources.

Read the "MLA Documentation" section—print or [online](#)—on quoting and paraphrasing. Use the information and examples it provides to produce the following in correct style:

• **Introduce a quote *from a book* and properly document it:**

• **Paraphrase one idea *from a book* and properly document it:**

- **Introduce a quote *from an article* and properly document it:**

- **Paraphrase one idea *from an article* and properly document it:**

**Look at the "MLA Documentation" examples for "Works Cited" lists.
Include Works Cited listings for both the book and the article, in alphabetical order.**

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