

## Assignment 1: Research Process Map and Beginning Reflection

At the beginning of a research assignment, students will respond to these reflection questions.

Think about a recent research assignment and the process you went through.

1. Take 15-20 minutes to draw the steps you took for that research project. (Use as much space as you need. You can include text, pictures, arrows - whatever helps you express your approach.)
2. Once you've finished drawing your process, describe each step in a few words or a sentence.
3. Thinking about the process you've drawn, answer the following.
  - a. Why do you do things in this order?
  - b. How do you feel about various steps? Are some more challenging or frustrating than others? Are some easier or more fun?
4. Take a picture of your process map and upload it to Canvas along with your responses to 3a and 3b.

## Assignment 2: Mid-Process Reflection

After submitting an annotated bibliography/ topic proposal/ other mid-process research assignment, students will respond to these reflection questions.

1. What is your topic or research question?
2. Have new questions come up related to your research topic? Has your research topic changed?

Look at your research process map to answer the next 2 questions.

3. What stage of the process are you at?
4. Think about your research process so far for this class. Have you gone through the same steps in the same order as you expected when you drew the map? Describe your path.

## Assignment 3: Final Reflection

At the end of a research assignment, students will respond to this reflection prompt.

*Please respond to the following questions about your experience completing research during your most recent research assignment. Your response should be approximately 300-600 words, or around one double-spaced page. Plan to spend about a half an hour writing this informal reflection.*

What process did you use to find sources for your assignment and what did you learn from that process?

- Where did you search for information? What types of resources or tools did you use?
- Approximately how much time did you spend searching?
- What challenges or problems did you encounter while searching? What did you do when you came across these challenges or problems? Be specific and provide examples.
- What worked when you were doing your research? What did you try that didn't work? Be specific and provide examples.
- How did you feel at different points during the research process?
- What would you do differently the next time you complete a research project? Has your approach to research changed over the semester? If so, describe how your process has changed.