FINDING A RESEARCH INTEREST
WHAT IS RESEARCH

• Research is a process
  • It starts with a question
  • It ends with an answer
RESEARCH METHODS COURSE

• Many students have to take a research methods course
  • Teaches various types of studies
  • How to set up those studies
  • Statistics may be lightly taught
BEFORE THE CLASS

• Read research articles
• Read books about the topics you are interested in
• Take notes on any questions you have
  • You are capable of answering your own questions through research
GETTING AHEAD OF THE GAME

• With every study you read, ask and answer yourself five questions
  • 1. What did the researchers do?
  • 2. Why did the researchers do it?
  • 3. What happened?
  • 4. What did the researchers think about the results?
  • 5. How does this connect to other studies and what studies could be made from this one?
• Much like Google
• Searches a massive database of published journal articles and books
• Links up with Endnote
• Better through proxy
  • Visit the Henry Madden Library website
  • Go to databases by letter
  • Google Scholar through Proxy
The library has a massive amount of resources available

There are dedicated librarians that know a great deal about certain disciplines
  • Can help you find articles
  • Are awesome people
  • Can help get articles that the library does not have