



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?

GOOGLE SCHOLAR

- 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

HENRY MADDEN LIBRARY

- 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