

Preparing for an Exploratory Paper

Find and evaluate sources

Locate sources for your research
see PA ch. 11: pp. 335-338

Evaluate the sources you find
see PA ch. 11: pp. 338-341
see General resources: Source Types
see General resources: Source Workshop (CRAAP test)

Use your sources to expand your issue proposal into an Exploratory Paper

See Unit II: Essay II Assignment

Add background and more detail about the rhetorical situation. (Some sources will discuss these things.)

For each position on this issue, find a source that gives reasons to agree with the position. Add details and/or quotations from this source to the part of the Exploratory Paper discussing that position.

Add reasons why readers should agree with your position. (You can use reasons given by sources that agree with you, and you can also base your arguments on facts from sources that do not give an opinion.)