Find Both Contextual and Analytical Research:

Contextual Research

- If the topic is historic, you can find out information about what it was like to live in this time period and be this particular type of person.
- If your topic is contemporary, you can document the frequency or pervasiveness of the experience.
- Even literature or movies can be used if a character represents similar conflicts, biases, or philosophies about life.

Analytical Research

- Sociological, psychological, counseling, and communication issues can be related to the type of person or groups involved.
- Business, economics, politics, geography, medicine, religion, and education resources can be used to analyze community or local realities.
- Significant issues to analyze might be cultural factors about differences in gender, generation, class, sexuality, race, ethnicity, religion occupation, physical ability, region, ability, birth order, age, body type, personality type, health issues, and so on.

Analytical Sources

Types of academic studies:
- Psychological; Counseling; Sociological; Communication; Anthropological; Folklore; Gender, Race, and Class Studies, Historic, Literary, Legal, etc.

Textual Sources:
- Journals and Newsletters, Research Studies, Professional Organizations, Training Publications or Textbooks.

People:
- Professors, Professionals, Help Lines, Web Site E-mail.

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