

# Teaching Handouts: Research

## 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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