

Stage: The Initial Search

Task	Thoughts	Feelings	Actions	Strategies
<p>To investigate information with the intention of finding a focus</p>	<p>Becoming informed about the general topic</p> <p>Seeking focus through information on the general topic</p> <p>Identifying several possible focuses</p> <p>Inability to express exactly what information you need to move forward</p>	<p>Confusion</p> <p>Doubt</p> <p>Threat</p> <p>Uncertainty</p>	<p>Locating information related to the general topic</p> <p>Reading to become informed</p> <p>Taking notes on facts and ideas</p> <p>Making bibliographic citations so you have them when you're ready</p>	<p>Reading to learn about the topic—not to find the information you'll use in the assignment</p> <p>Tolerating inconsistency and incompatibility of the information you encounter</p> <p>Thinking about possible focuses as you're reading the general sources</p> <p>Listing keywords you might need to use in searches later</p>

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