



RESEARCH REQUEST FORM

Please expect at least a 1-2 week turnaround for your request to be filled.

Name: _____

Instructor: _____

Course: _____

Date: _____

In 1-2 sentences, what is your topic?

List 3 Focus Points or keywords for your topic. What information do you need the librarian to provide?

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A NOTE ON TOPICS: When developing a topic, imagine the paper you want to write and think about the ideal resources you want the librarian to find. If your topic is too broad, there will be too much information to choose from. If your topic is too narrow, there may not be any information available. Here's a quick example of narrowing or broadening a topic:

Too Broad: *Immigration*
 This topic is very vague. Who is immigrating? When? Where are they immigrating to? Pick an aspect of immigration to focus on. Don't assume the librarian knows what you want. For example, if you don't specify that you're interested in Mexican immigration to the U.S., you may receive an article on the patterns of 5th century Anglo-Saxon settlement in Great Britain.

Too Narrow: *How the border wall's impact on Mexican immigration will affect Kern County's economy.*
 This topic not only relies on information that hasn't been gathered yet, but it requires very specific data which may or may not be available. If no articles on the topic are available, you may have to expand the search. For example, there may be statistics for the California or U.S. economies, but not for Kern County.

Just Right: *Financial impact of deportation of undocumented Mexican immigrants on the California economy.*
 This topic is narrow, but not so narrow that information on it does not exist. Your librarians can help with this kind of topic!

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Notes from the Librarian: