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Find Library Resource Guide for ELSK 0935
Go to the Library website.  https://library.vcc.ca/
Select Articles & Resources by Subject
Select ESL (LINC, Pathways)
Find Pathways 8 & 9 and ELSK 0935 – Research Essay

1. Topic & Thesis Statement

a. Select a topic or idea you would like to research
b. Identify keywords and alternate keywords
c. Begin searching the Library catalogue, databases, and other resources
d. Be flexible!
e. Adjust your topic and thesis based on the resources you discover through your research

RELIABLE Sources for your paper – Check the Library website!

Consider the following:

Newspaper and magazine articles – up-to-date, popular and brief resources, by journalists (non-experts)

Books & Journal articles – representing the latest scholarly, peer-reviewed information, written by experts

Videos – often present an in-depth examination, not necessarily by experts

Websites & YouTube - evaluate the source carefully to determine credibility, limit with .ca
2. Finding Books, e-Books and Streaming Video using the Library’s Discovery Layer

The Library webpage helps you to find all the resources available to you as a student. There are many electronic resources which you can use to complete your assignments.

• Go to the Library website: library.vcc.ca
• Click on Books, DVDs, & More
• Enter your keyword(s) in the search box: e.g. Aboriginal History

** Try this search now: (aboriginal or first nations or indigenous) and history

• Browse results to see if your keywords have resulted in appropriate resources. You may need to try a new search to find better resources.

• In the left margin you will see the option to Limit your Results to:
  o eBooks
  o News
  o Magazines
  o Limit to the last 10 years

Email an E-Book Chapter
  o Choose an e-book, and click on the title to see the full record
  o Click on the PDF Full Text link in the left column
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  o In the top tool bar, select email pages
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• Note: author/editor
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*You will use this information to build your bibliography or References list.
3. **Canadian Encyclopedia**  
Search your topic e.g. Residential Schools; Louis Riel

Check *Links to other sites*

Also, see Collections -- Indigenous Peoples:  

4. **Finding Articles:**  
   **Canadian Major Dailies**  
   **CBCA Reference & Current Events**

   Follow these steps:
   
   - Enter your keywords in the search boxes (e.g. Aboriginal Education British Columbia)
   - Check *Full Text*
   - For Document Type, select *Article*
   - For Language, select *English*
   - Click *Search*
   - Email yourself an article and select the APA citation style

5. **Curio.ca** – CBC educational streaming videos  
   - Check the Collections tab

6. **Government of Canada – Indigenous Services Canada** website

7. **CBC News** – search using the find box

8. **CBC News Aboriginal section** – browse for the latest news

9. **Searching Google?**  
   *Check the Websites & Evaluation Pathways tab

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**Citing Your Sources – APA**

Part of the research process involves citing your resources properly in a *References* list using the APA citation style. Go to the *Citing APA, MLA …* on the Library webpage to find guides for the APA citation style.  
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