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The Research Process: Step 1:

Know the sources you will need to complete an assignment.

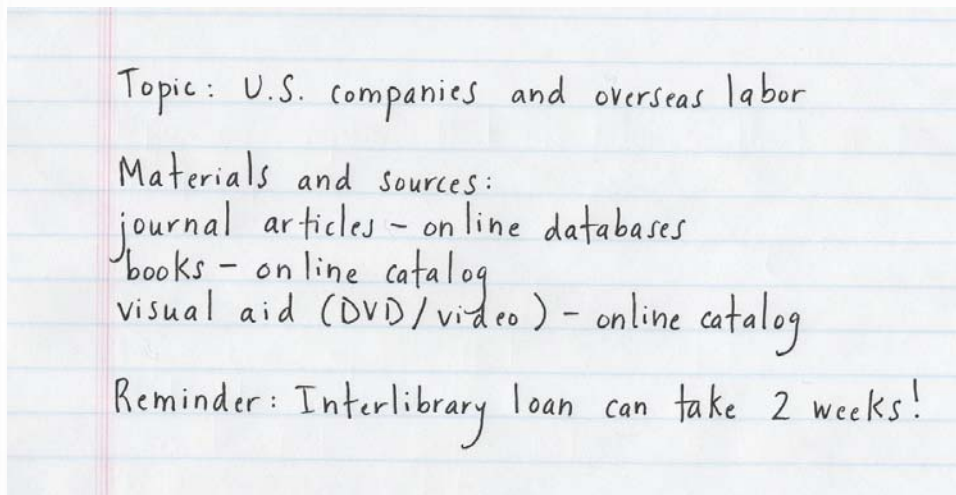
So you're given an assignment that involves research. After developing a thesis statement, the first step is determining the materials and sources you will need to complete the assignment. By determining sources, you will be able to decide where to focus your research.

To start, make a list of the sources needed and where to find them.



I will use the following example:

I am giving a speech on the major US companies that use labor in the form of sweatshops overseas. Below is a list of materials and sources I will need to research my speech topic:



Make a timeline for gathering information (interlibrary loan-ILL can take up to two weeks).

By applying these tips to each assignment, you will organize your research, save time, and keep yourself from procrastinating.

Tip: If you haven't set up your library account, do so by stopping by the circulation desk.