

**Journalism/Creative Writing Extended Project
Non-Fiction Track**

**Step Four:
Research/Collect Info**

Over the next few days you're going to spend some time researching and collecting the information for your article. A couple of days ago you made a to-do list of what all you needed for your essay. These next days are when you're going to start whittling away at that list.

Because it's 2020, I assume you'll be doing the majority of your research online. Be careful to only use reliable sources. Sources like reputable newspapers, government-run websites, and academic journals are all good sources. Sources like Wikipedia, BuzzFeed, Daily Mail, and Huffington Post are not. Be careful of where you get your information. Using disreputable sources could skew your article and ruin your credibility from the start.

As you research, make notes of what you're finding. My suggestion would be make a chart like the one below. It will help you keep your information straight and allow you to go back easily at a later date if needed.

Title of Website/ Publication	Author	Direct URL	Paraphrased main points	Potential quotes/ direct citations	Benefit/ Reason needed for article	Potential place in article