THE RESEARCH PROCESS

A GUIDE TO MAINTAINING YOUR SANITY AND SEARCHING FOR SOURCES
1. RESEARCH IS ITERATIVE, EXPLORATORY & TANGENTIAL

You may be searching for sources many times during this process. Let yourself explore.
2. Research questions are open-ended, complex & arguable.

Use the research process to discover research questions that interest you.
3. DEVELOP & STEAL KEYWORDS
Start with a list based on your topic and research question(s), check Google, consult an online thesaurus and steal keywords and subject terms from search tools.
4. LET RELEVANT SOURCES LEAD YOU TO OTHER RELEVANT SOURCES

Use subject terms, works cited pages and online tools in the databases. Follow the links.
5. CITE EARLY AND OFTEN. TAKE NOTES!

Make your life easier and grab citations and permalinks from the online search tools early and often. As you read through your sources, take notes!
6. USE THE UCWR RESEARCH GUIDE

It was designed to guide you to useful and relevant sources.
http://libguides.luc.edu/ucwr110
Let's start searching!