

I-Search KWL Planning Pages

Step One:

Here is where you write one or two paragraphs discussing what knowledge, experience or background you already have about your topic.... BEFORE having done any research about it!

You should also write about WHY you want to learn more about this topic. It's ok to list two or three areas and explore those areas as well.

Write some notes about what you already know. You will turn these notes into typed paragraphs for the first part of your I-Search paper.

What I Already Know:

Step Two:

Here is where you will write a bunch of questions about your topic; these are questions you want answered. They will lead you to those sources that will answer your questions. The questions should be specific, and focused on the aspects of your topic about which you are truly interested. You will turn these notes into typed paragraphs for your paper.

What I Want to Know:

Step Three: The Annotated Bibliography

Here is where you will read at least FIVE sources of information about your topic. This is, in essence, the body of your paper. Not only do you report on what others have written about your topic, but you will also add your opinion on their perspectives. You will comment, react, debate, and give your opinion on your experience with the research information. Yes, the “I” in I-Search means that you will write in first person; you must be an interactive, reactive participant in the writing process.

To help with this portion, you will write an Annotated Bibliography entry for each source (5 total). There is a separate document that explains the format of an Annotated Bibliography entry. Please write **EACH** entry in this document, starting here:

Annotated Bib Entry #1: