

## Unit: Research Paper

# STEP 3: Develop a Plan

You must now inform Mr. Davis of your specific topic and write it down on the Class Master Sheet. This is a simple sheet where you will be given one line on which to indicate the topic you have chosen. Once you write this down, you may not change your mind. Given all the topics in the world, you should be able to find a unique topic – one that only you are writing in the school at this time.

Chosen Topic:

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Re-read page 284 of the *ResourceLines 9/10* (Dawe et al.) text. At the bottom of page 284, you will find a KWL chart. You can modify this chart to suit your own needs.

Based on your chosen topic (noted above), complete this modified KWL chart:

What I already know:	What I want to know: (phrased as questions)	Resources I can check: (magazines, books, or online)
1	1	1
2	2	2
3	3	3
4	4	4
5	5	5
6	6	6

Dawe, Robert, Barry Duncan and Wendy Mathieu. Prentice Hall Language ResourceLines 9/10. Scarborough, Ontario: Peasron Education Canada, 1999.

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# STEP 4: Gather Information

The Internet is obviously a great place to find good quality information. However, there are also too many web pages that are NOT appropriate. Here is a simple checklist that will help you determine if the web site you are viewing is worthy:

- Is the date present?
- Is the author's name present?
- Is the company/organization/publisher/university name present?
- Is this a well-known institution? (Some quality names are National Geographic, MacLean's, Time, The Western Star, The New York Times, CNN, NBC, Huffington Post, Popular Mechanics, Microsoft, Corel, Sun Microsystems, Memorial University, Dalhousie University, York University, McGill University, CBC, and CTV)

If you answer YES to most or (better yet) all these questions, you can be sure that the site is *reliable*. You can feel safe to use quotes from this source.

The referencing style we will be using at Xavier is [MLA](#) (Modern Language Association). You should have a [pamphlet](#) explaining this particular style. Use this referencing style in the table below.

To demonstrate that you can quote various sources, you must be able to fill in the following chart and use it in your final research paper bibliography:

SOURCE	MLA REFERENCE
Internet	1. 2. 3.
Primary Source (quote an expert, a teacher, your mom or dad)	4.
Encyclopaedia	5.
Periodical (Magazine or newspaper)	6.