

PASSION PROJECT

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Purpose:
Problem/Solution

My Problem:

STEP 1A: IDENTIFY THE KEY PROBLEM

What **problem** would I like to solve (*write in the form of a question, be specific*):

STEP 1B: WRITE RESEARCH QUESTIONS

What **fact gathering and process level questions** will help me find a solution?
(see "Costa's Question Stems" for help, and number questions for step 3):

STEP 2: PLAN MY SEARCH

Reliable sources I can check-out:

- Congress Library** > Research > **Explora** or **Other Databases**
- Mid-Continent Library** > Research > Browse Subjects > Choose a Subject > Browse **Databases**
- Restrict your **Google search** to more reliable sites with: **site:.edu site:.org site:.gov**

Best search terms to find answers:

(**Tip:** Use words experts will use. Include name of the general topic AND specific terms to get better results.)

STEP 3: COLLECT INFORMATION

(**Tip:** To stay organized, tag answers with the question number from step 1 and name of the source where info was found. **Don't forget** to copy a citation for the source and store it on a Google Doc, Google Keep, or BibMe.)

STEP 3: COLLECT INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

STEP 4: EVALUATE MY SEARCH

Is my search producing what I need?

- No. My searches aren't finding good stuff.** Totally normal. Our "Narrow Your Search" cheat sheet will provide ideas for refining your search and finding the good stuff.
- No. I need to add more questions.** We understand. All good researchers add/change questions as they work.
- Yes!** Great, you're ready to move on.

STEP 5: APPLY RESEARCH TO PROBLEM

After gathering facts and processing my research, I believe this is **the solution to the key problem** *(include key facts from your research that prove your solution is viable):*

STEP 6: SHARING WITH MY COMMUNITY

Focusing on my solution, **how can I share my findings?** Think outside the box! What delivery method can I use to **engage my audience?**

***Tip:** Prototypes for a solutions can be a wide range of things. You can create a scale model or you could just present drawings of a model. Be creative. The most important thing is to help your audience visualize your solution in some way.*

STEP 7: REFLECT ON THE RESEARCH PROCESS

What went well for me? What did I learn? What would I do differently next time? What do I want to pursue next?