



# Preparing Students for Research Writing

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# Why research?

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- ▶ Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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Students need to know what their peers have been taught in secondary school to be on the same level in the tertiary educational environment.

# Homework Assignment

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# Inquiry Skills

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What tools can we use to **set limits** on the scope of our students' research?

Teach students to filter database results based on date, document type, and Lexile level.

# Inquiry Skills

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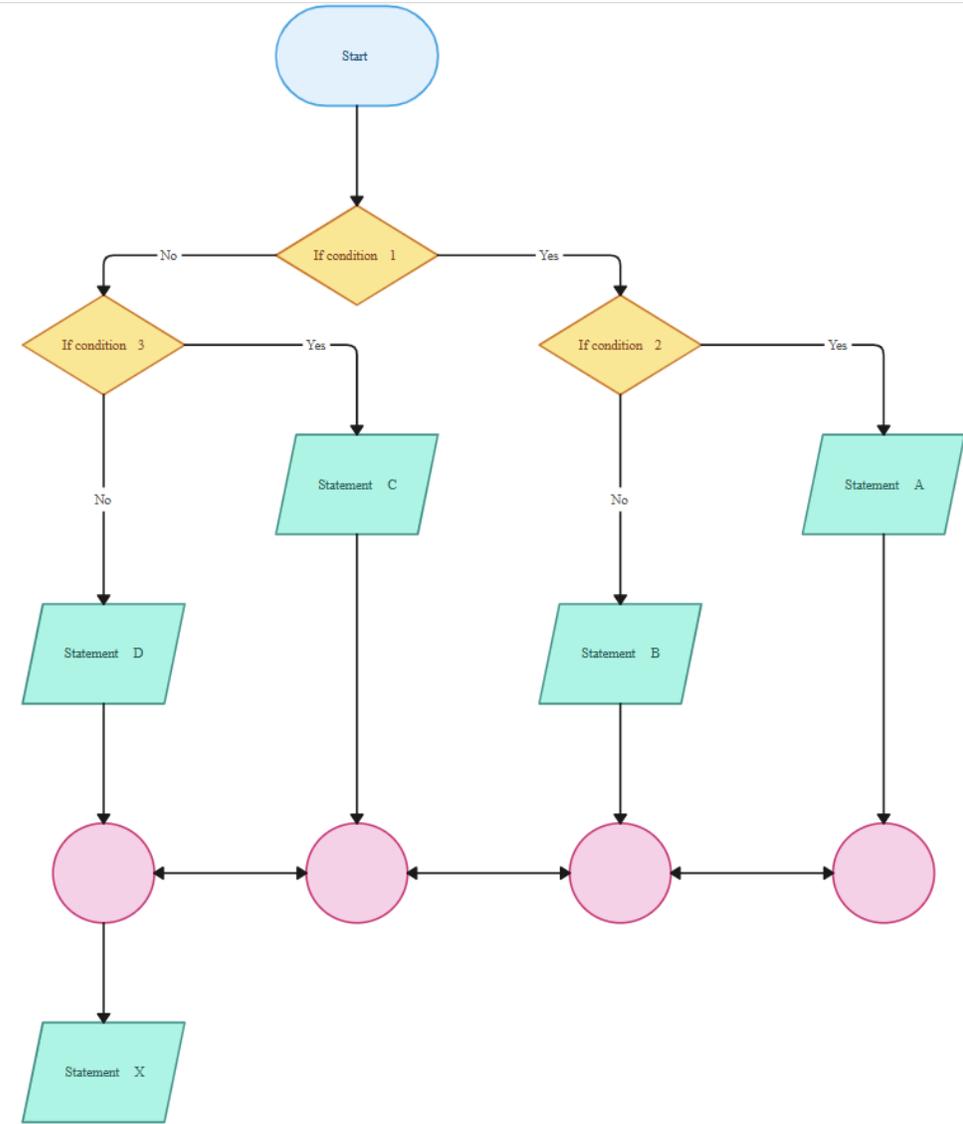
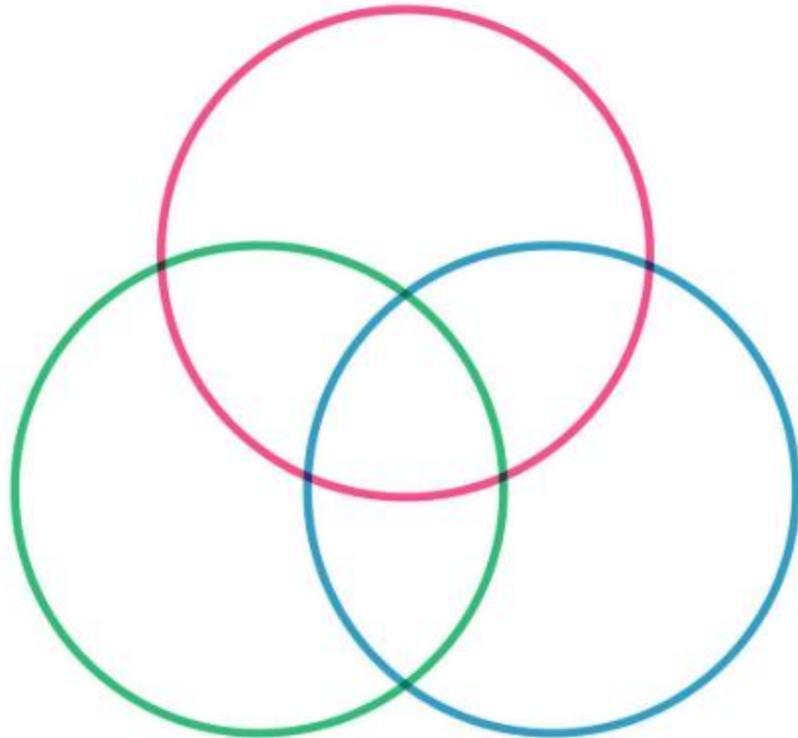
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Synthesis can be **visual** and **communicative** activities prior to writing a research paragraph.

# Synthesis



# Quotes in a Paragraph

- ▶ Although I require my students to have a thesis prior to writing any of the research paper, the first activity they have for a paragraph is choosing which quotes they want to use.
- ▶ This activity can be **communicative** and done in small groups.
- ▶ The common-core flavored writing styles of the United States are more direct than other global writing structures. I find having students focus on the quotes first can create a structure for their paragraph writing.

# Quotes...

- ▶ One of the greatest strengths of using the library database is the citation generator.
- ▶ Our students may have come from educational experiences where citations



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