Flow Chart for the Research Process

Receive Assignment

- Select preliminary topic or research question
- General reading
- Browse subject headings
- Focus/narrow topic
- Prepare preliminary outline

Success!

- Focus/narrow topic
- Additional research if needed
- Revise outline
- Summarize results and conclusions
- Complete research

Establish timeline for completion

- Begin research (keep log)
- Write draft
- Revise draft

Possible resources
- Search terms
- Locate resources
- Plot research strategy
- Adjust timeline

Synonyms/related terms
- Refine outline

Possible resources
- Plot research strategy
- Adjust timeline

Prepare preliminary outline

Write draft
- Revise draft

Write final draft
- Revise

Revise
- Success!

Revise outline
- Additional research if needed

Complete research
- Revise

Revise
- Success!