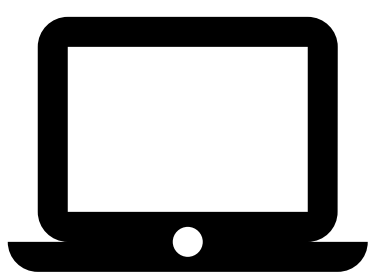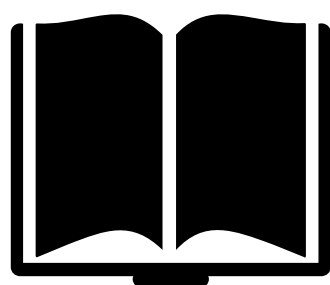# SIMPLE RESEARCH STEPS

Visit the SHS library website for more information: bit.ly/2G4mvAh

1 ## START WITH DATABASES

Use World Book Online (bit.ly/2uOYd6R), databases available through the public library (bit.ly/2G2cfZe), and databases available through PDCCC (DC classes only).

2 ## SEARCH FOR BOOKS

Use online card catalogs to search for books in the SHS library (bit.ly/2YScjCc), the public library (blackwaterlib.org), and PDCCC (pdc.edu/library).

3 ## USE RELIABLE WEBSITES

Use the CRAAP Test (see handout) to evaluate websites and advanced Google search queries (see handout) to narrow your results. Searching Google Scholar (scholar.google.com) will provide a list of scholarly literature available on the internet.
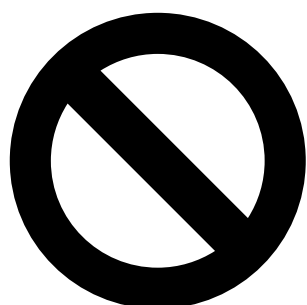
4 ## COMPLETE THE RESEARCH PROCESS

Use the Big6 Research Process (see handout) and the tips in your SHS Research Handbook (bit.ly/2VnZgpP) to help you complete your research project.

5 ## FOLLOW MLA GUIDELINES

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