

# Subculture Research Project

## STEP TWO: SEARCH AND RESEARCH

Now that you have selected a subculture and got your subculture approved, you will need to begin your research. But before you can look for information, you will need to create *inquiry questions*. These questions will guide your research and save you time, as you will only consider data that answers your questions.

Below are some basic inquiry questions. Add four more of your own:

- What are the values (important beliefs) of my subculture?
- Why does this subculture appeal to some people?
- How does a person join this subculture?
- What are my subculture's norms (rules for members)?
- What is taboo (not allowed) in my subculture?
- How has my subculture significantly changed aspects of mainstream American culture? (**essential question**)

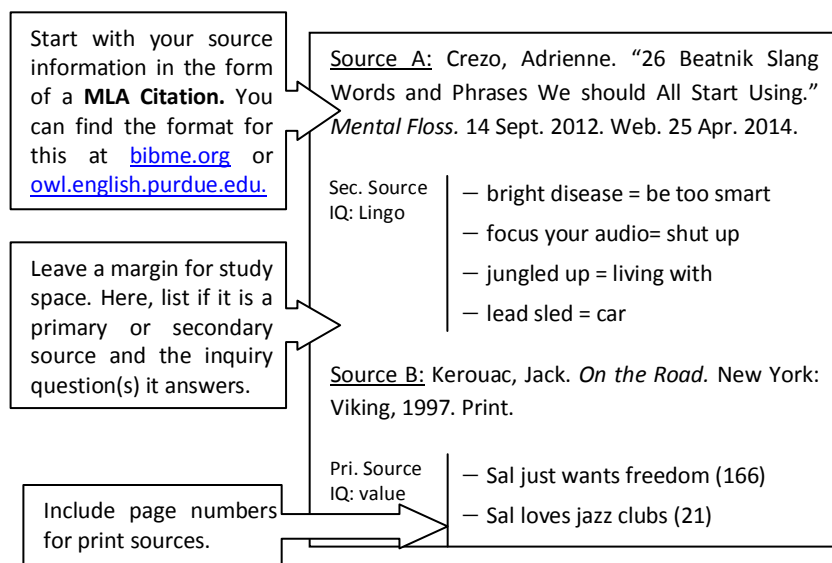
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After creating your inquiry questions, you will begin your research. You will need a mix of **primary sources** (such as writing, videos, art, interviews, and photos FROM members of the subculture) and **secondary sources** (such as books, articles, and films ABOUT the subculture). Here's the way you will set up your research notes:



As you research, make sure each one passes the three Cs:

**CONTRIBUTION:** Will this contribute to your notes of useful information, or does it not answer any inquiry questions?

**CREDIBILITY:** If a primary source, does it actually come from the subculture? If a secondary source, does it come from a reliable and unbiased source?

**CITATION:** Did you write down the citation information for your source?

I have provided you several sources through classroom texts and web links (Go to the Brentwood site > Staff > Coon > Subculture Research Project, then click on your subculture). My expectation is that you have no less than six sources: of those, three must be primary sources and one must be a source you found on your own.