

The research process

- ✓ **Narrow the topic:** naval battles of World War II → the four-day Battle of Midway, or narrower still
- ✓ **Find sources:** research librarians, library databases, and abstracts — an abstract tells you whether an article is relevant
- ✓ **Take notes:** a page per source, headed with author, title and citation; find the source's thesis first; copied words in quotation marks with page numbers; your own thoughts labeled (**me**)
- ✓ **Outline:** a draft thesis, topic sentences, supporting examples, a conclusion
- ✓ **Draft** with quotations and citations in place
- ✓ **Revise:** read it aloud — transitions, evidence, organization — then edit for clarity, sentence structure, grammar and punctuation

Evaluating sources