Researching *Harry Potter*

The first step in researching is to take note of what you need. For this assignment, you know you’ll need quotes from *The Sorcerer’s Stone*, two websites, and three scholarly articles. Let’s prioritize by working backwards. I know I have the easiest access to the novel, so I’ll set that aside for now. I also know that there are an abundance of websites that I can use, so I’ll set that as my second search. Thus, I’ll start with scholarly articles.

Using the library’s database, I’ll search for the information I need.

* Go to [*http://search.ebscohost.com*](https://mail.ltc.k12.il.us/owa/redir.aspx?C=UAaqaEtJ1E2XaX0Y1bDX3I9NEYRz9M9IEDiuJbsDYP7-x2kiT4ARaBeM-HBN6h_uZtn7RW3wFEU.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fsearch.ebscohost.com)
* Type in the username and password
  + *Login:          s8599579main*
  + *Password:       main*
* Scroll to the bottom of the page and select MAS Ultra and *Continue*
* Select the *Advanced Search* option
* Select *Full Text*
* Specify your Publication Type: *Biography, Newspaper, Pamphlet, Periodical, Primary Source Document*
* Type in your search
  + Choose your words carefully. If I’m researching mythical creatures and beasts. I’ll search for *dragons*. I don’t need to connect it to Harry Potter. I’ll read an article about dragons, and find my own connection between the two.

Print your articles and collect the copyright information. \*Note that on the right side of the page, there is an icon that says *Cite.* If you click on that, you can scroll to MLA , copy, and paste it onto your Works Cited page.

Once I find at least three articles, I’ll begin searching for websites online. Remember, the best way to find information is putting your search in quotations and adding plus signs instead of the word *and*. Ex: “dragons” + “legend”