Aims

• This tutorial will help you to:

• Analyse your topic
• Identify important searching words
• Define your ideas
• Search for information
• Find three sources
What’s your topic

• Choose and paste in your topic that you’ve chosen
Choose and understand the topic

• What do you know about this topic?

• Can you break the topic down to some main ideas?

• Do you need to define some ideas ie. Sociological terms?
Getting background

• How can you define and get background on the main ideas?

• Sociology dictionary

• Textbook

• Class readings

• Lecture notes
What not to use

• Google – it will not get academic sources of information

• Wikipedia – is not a reputable source and can be edited by anyone.
Brainstorm

• Do you understand the sociological terms in the topic?

• If not, consult background materials

• Think about different spellings  globalisation globalization

• Is there a case study that you can think of
Brainstorm

• What are some related ideas for searching?

• Who are the key authors?

• What theories can you use?
Effective searching

• Connect your search words with AND OR NOT

• AND – narrows your search  - Class AND Marxism

• OR – broadens your search – Work OR labour

• NOT- narrows by excluding a term- Gender NOT male
Search

- Catalogue – for books and ebooks

- Books are good for theory and also to get introductory material – sociology textbooks

- Discover – Journal articles – are narrower in focus- may be useful for case studies.
Reviewing the sociological literature

- Things to consider (from Germov 2015)
- Date of publication
- Academic discipline – keep to the sociological discipline
- Key ideas in the information
- What’s the author’s argument
- Evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the material
Sources

• List three sources of information that you can use for your essay

• These can be from your SCS110 readings and introductory sociological texts.

• Read through your selections – are there any main ideas or arguments appearing that you can use for the essay?