Doing Background Research

1. Do background research in Canadian Points of View Reference or Google. Identify factual information from your article: who, what, when and where.

2. Answer the why and how of your issue, after you have gathered enough factual information. This will help you form your initial research question.

**TOPIC:**

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Search Strategy

1. Identify Keywords and Synonyms:

   Concept 1 AND Concept 2 AND Concept 3

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2. Conduct a search in Academic Search Premier or Library homepage. Describe the search string used

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   a. How many results did you get?

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   b. Did you refine your results further, if so, how? (i.e. by Publication date, peer-reviewed, magazines, journal title, etc).

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3. What did you find? Describe at least one source

   Title: ________________________________________________________________

   Author(s): _____________________________________________________________

   Publication: ____________________________________________________________

   Year/Volume/Issue: ______________________________________________________

   Page numbers: __________________________________________________________