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|  |  Course Name:Your Research/Writing Pathway | Library web address:[http://www.palmbeachstate.edu/library](http://www.palmbeachstate.edu/library/default.aspx)\* = Access this tool through the library website |  |

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|  | **Getting the Assignment** | **Exploring a Topic** | **Pre-Search**(unfocused) | **Finding a Focus** | **Collecting Evidence**(focused) | **Completing the Search & Starting Writing** |
| **Actions** | Looking for anything on the topic --------------------------------------------------------🡪 Looking for information that fits your focus |
| **Common** **Feelings** | uncertainty | optimism | confusionfrustrationdoubt | clarity | sense of direction&confidence | relief/satisfaction or dissatisfaction |
| **Common Thoughts** |  Your interest increases----------------------------🡪 Seeing multiple possibilities -----------------------------------------🡪 Being committed to your focus |
| **Approach** | Considering | Topic Development**(Library, Reading and Writing Labs)** | Finding background information/searching general sources: ***(Library)*** | Thesis Development: (***Reading and Writing Labs)*** | Gathering/Citing: ***(Library)*** Transforming Text:***(Reading Lab)*** | Outlining and Drafting: ***(Writing Lab)*** |
| **Tools to Use** | Your assignment instructions | -Textbook-Course notes-What you know-Circle Map-Graphic  Organizers | -Credo\*-Gale Virtual  Reference\*-Books\*-Google-Wikipedia-Newspapers-Opposing Viewpoints\* | Write ideas and notes from general sources, course notes & textbook; look for connections and gaps  | -Academic Search  Complete\*-JSTOR\*-Omnifile\*-ScienceDirect\*-Gale Power Search\* | Your research notes will come from the evidence you have collected in your focused search and transformed through your reading |

**Stages:**

Adapted from Carol Kuhlthau’s “Initial Model of the Information Search Process” in *Seeking Meaning*, 2004. p. 45; and April Cunningham and Hal Hannon, cunninghamhannon.wordpress.com

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