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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 | confusion  frustration  doubt | 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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