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**Step 1: Developing your search terms**

What is your research question:

\_\_\_\_How did medieval engineers manage to build gothic cathedrals? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Write down as many ideas, concepts, and words related to your topic. These words will be the **search terms** or **keywords** you use to find books and articles in the library.

**Tip:** Try to identify **synonyms** related to your topic. For example, if you are looking for information about dogs, you might also want to search for information related to “canines.”

**Tip:** Identify **broader concepts** related to your topic. For example, if you are looking for information about cats, you might want to find a general book or encyclopedia about “animals.”

architect, stone, pulley, counterweight, flying buttress, tonnage, machines, workers, stone masons,

**Step 2: Starting your research**

A good place to start your research is in a **specialized or general encyclopedia**. The **reference area** of the library has encyclopedias on many topics. The library also subscribes to the **Gale Virtual Reference Library** database where you can find many encyclopedias online.

* Using **CUNY+,** the library catalog, look for encyclopedias by doing a **Keyword Search**.
* Type in a keyword and the word “**encyclopedias**” to see if the library owns an encyclopedia on your topic.
* Remember to use your synonyms and broader terms if you don’t find anything at first.

Search for an encyclopedia on your topic and write down the title of the encyclopedia:

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If you are having difficulty, go to the library’s reference desk and ask a librarian for help.

Write down the **title and author of an article** in the encyclopedia you have found.

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**Step 3: Finding books using CUNY+**

* When searching for books on a general topic, do a **keyword, keyword title,** or **keyword subject** search.
* Search using your list of synonyms and related terms if you don’t find anything at first.
* If you don’t find any books at NYCCT, check other CUNY schools.

List three books you’ve found that are relevant to your topic:

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**Step 4: Finding articles in the library’s databases**

Choose a database from the library’s list of databases at:

<https://library.citytech.cuny.edu/research/articles/letter>

The library subscribes to both general and more specialized databases that provide access to a variety of articles.

Using your keywords and search terms look for either newspaper articles, magazine articles or scholarly journal articles.

Find three articles relevant to your topic in databases of your choice:

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Finally, scan your resources and identify which of the sources helps answer your research question:



Which sources didn’t answer your question but provided new leads and provoked new ideas. Explain how for each source: