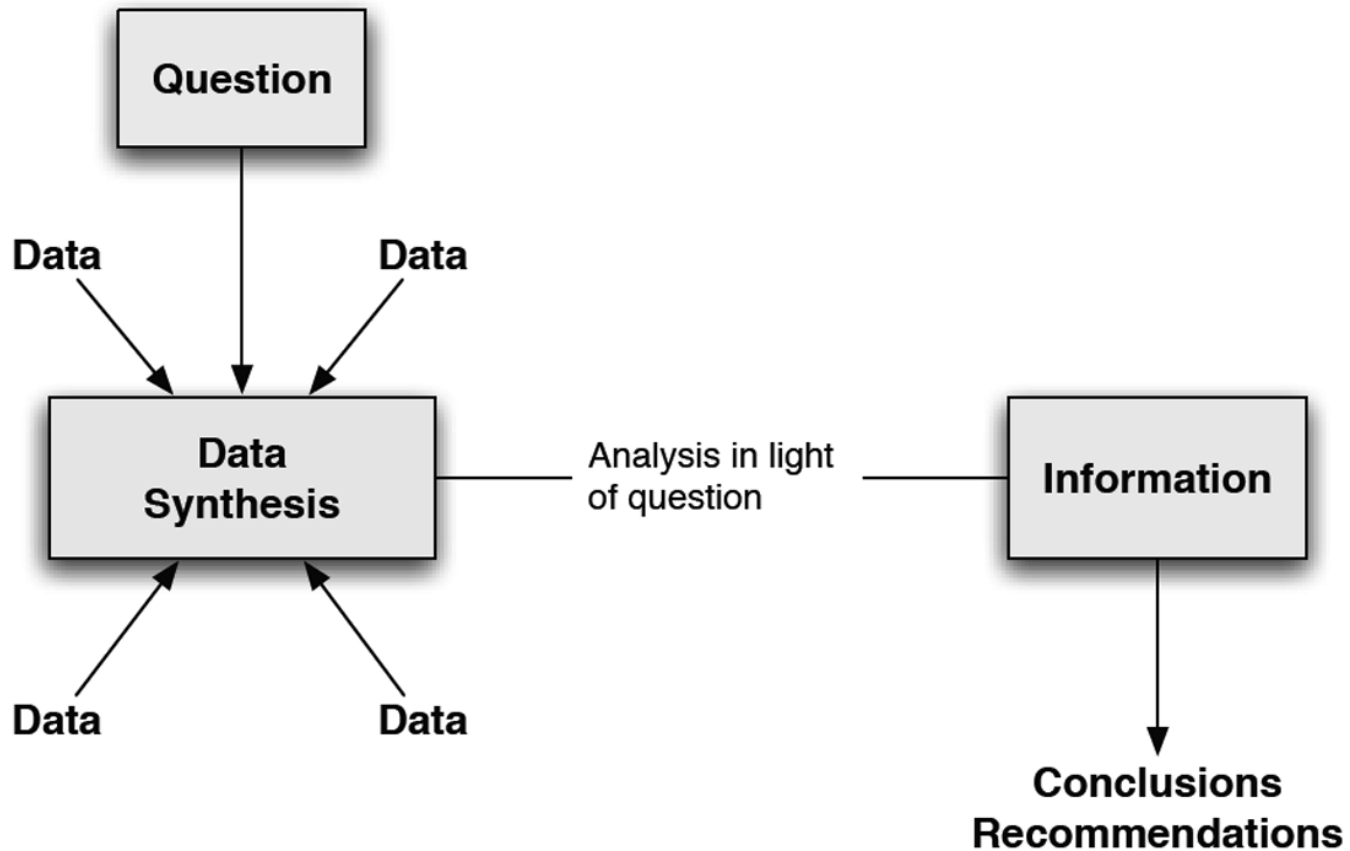


# The Research Process

October 22, 2012

Inquiry + Research  
= Knowledge

# A Model for Research



“research is the use  
of information to  
solve a problem”

(Badke, Ch. 2, p, 33)

“The key to genuine research is *a good question*. Without a question, nothing you are doing can be called research.”

-Badke, Ch. 2, p. 24

# 1. Assess Your Needs

- First step: read the assignment thoroughly
  - Why do you need the information?
- What kind of information do you need?
  - Guides where to look for sources

## 2. Preliminary Research Strategies

- Gathering background information
  - Internet sources
  - Reference sources
  - We've been working on this in class
- Why bother with background information?

### 3. Develop Your Topic and Question

- Research question is better than a thesis statement: why?
- NOT just reporting on a topic, but bringing multiple sources together and analyzing them to make new knowledge



# Upcoming blogging assignments

- Starting next Monday 10/29, you'll be writing research journal posts in addition to reading response posts and comments (5 total)
- I will post a prompt on the blog and you will write a response (minimum 100 words)
- Reflection/description of your research process; read each others' posts, comment, and learn

# For Wednesday, October 24

*Discussion:* the research process: refining a topic, creating search strategies

*Reading:* Badke Appendix 1 pp. 223-257, review  
Badke Ch. 3 pp. 42-48

*Assignment:* Your research topic proposal is due at the beginning of class on **Wednesday 10/24 – email to me or hand in on paper**