Researching your Topic on the Library Database

Write out your thesis:

Write out your burdens of proof:

Write out 5-6 key words that have to do with your burdens of proof:

# Now you are ready to search:

1. Activate your City Tech ID in the library at the Circulation Desk
2. Go to: <https://library.citytech.cuny.edu/>
3. Click on “Find”
4. Click on “Articles”
5. Click on “General”
6. Click on “Academic Search Complete (EBSCO)”
7. If you are off campus, it will ask you for your library barcode. This is at the bottom of your ID.
8. Type in 2-3 key words in the three boxes and click “Search”
9. Look through the results. If none of the results seems right, go back and try different combinations of key words.
10. Keep doing this until you find some articles that seem useful for your topic. Remember, you can use sources to define gender codes, explain the function of play/toys, examine psychological and emotional stages of development, explain the system in which your signs hold meaning (country, region, time period), etc.
11. Click on an article title that seems useful.
12. Read the abstract and decide whether you think it is relevant to your topic.
13. If it is relevant, you can click “print,” you can it download it to a flash drive or to your home computer by clicking “PDF Full Text,” or you can email it to yourself by clicking “email.”
14. You should also click “Cite” and scroll down to “MLA” to see the citation information for the article. Copy and paste that citation to a document or take a picture of it for later use.
15. Email or save *at least* 4 articles.

# Now you are ready to read, annotate, summarize, and reflect on those articles!