# **Quest 1: Refining Your Search Terms**

1. **Write your research topic, then HIGHLIGHT the KEYWORDS.**

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| **Research Topic** |
| College is a waste of time and money |

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| **Keywords** | | |
| College, waste of time, money | College, wasting time | Going college, useless |

1. **Identify synonyms and broader or narrower terms.**

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| **Synonyms and Related Search Terms** | | |
| College, useless, money | College degree | College, waste of potential |
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#### Example

# **Quest 2.1: Finding Articles in Leeward Library Databases**

Article 1:

1. Search using **keywords** or phrases
   1. What search terms did you use: College, waste time, money
   2. What database did you use: Leeward Library
2. Evaluate this article using the [CRAAP Test](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B2_6CqWDbhstVWR3VEFORmlvZUE/view?usp=sharing)

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| 22/02/2019 | YES | YES | YES | Neutral |

1. MLA Works Cited citation using [Citing Sources LibGuide](http://guides.leeward.hawaii.edu/citingsources/mla8)

Bird, Caroline. "College is a Waste of Time and Money ." Psychology Today (1975).

1. Annotation

The first part of your annotation consists of two to three sentences summarizing the source. This part will help you remember what the source is about. The next part of your annotation consists of two to three sentences reflecting on how you plan to use the source. This part will help you remember why the source is useful to you.

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| The author in the article explains that going to college is a waste of time and money because the population is growing rapidly. More people are getting educated but still unable to get jobs. The article claims that students belonging to good backgrounds and have a greater likelihood of becoming successful. Spending on education is a waste of money when students are unable to earn returns. The students belonging to mediocre or poor backgrounds don’t achieve success. I will use the source for explaining why a college education is not benefiting students. I will highlight the issues like lack of intelligence or lack of support that undermines the positive aspects. This source is useful for my research topic as I will be able to explain why a college education is a waste of time and money. |

# **Quest 2.2: Finding Articles in Leeward Library Databases**

Article 2: A Waste of Time? Private Rates of Return to Higher Education in the 1990s.

Search using **keywords** or phrases What search terms did you use: Education, waste of time

* 1. What database did you use: Leeward Library

1. Evaluate this article using the [CRAAP Test](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B2_6CqWDbhstVWR3VEFORmlvZUE/view?usp=sharing)

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| 24/02/2019 | YES | YES | YES | Neutral |

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| Ashworth, John. "A Waste of Time? Private Rates of Return to Higher Education in the 1990s." Higher Education Quarterly 51.2 (1997): 164-188. |

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| The article uncovers the practical implications of education by identifying how it impacted the rate of returns. The evaluation of education is based on the benefits that it provides to society. It explains that the educational benefits for the students are dubious because it does not guarantee future job security. The article assesses the role of education during the 1990s. I will use the source for proving the claim that education is a waste of time and money. |

# Quest 3: Finding a Good Book or eBook

The case against education: why the education system is a waste of time and money.

1. Search using **keywords** or phrases
   1. What search terms did you use: College education, waste of time
2. Evaluate this article using the [CRAAP Test](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B2_6CqWDbhstVWR3VEFORmlvZUE/view?usp=sharing)

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| 24/02/2019 | YES | YES | YES | Neutral |

1. MLA Works Cited citation using [Citing Sources LibGuide](http://guides.leeward.hawaii.edu/citingsources/mla8)

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| Capllan, Bryan Douglas. "The Case Against Education: Why the Education System Is a Waste of Time and Money." Princeton University Press (2018). |

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| The book highlights the issues of the education system that makes it useless. It explains that the budget shortfalls and inadequate changes in the classrooms have undermined the potentials of students. The book highlights concerns such as lack of technology integration in classrooms and reliance on old teaching methods. It provides a comprehensive analysis of how education systems limit the potential of students. I will use the source for identifying the issues that make education useless for the students. The source will be useful for determining the flaws of the system and why students are unable to attain success. It has close relevance with my research topic because it uncovers the shortcomings like lack of grants, inadequate research, and vocational training. This will allow me to provide evidentiary support for the topic of research. |

# Quest 4: Finding a Good Website

1. Search using **keywords** or phrases
   1. What search terms did you use: college education, no jobs
2. Evaluate this article/website using the [CRAAP Test](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B2_6CqWDbhstVWR3VEFORmlvZUE/view?usp=sharing)

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| Date? | Useful, appropriate? | Expert? | Citations? | Biased or Neutral? |
| 24/02/2019 | YES | YES | YES | Biased |

1. MLA Works Cited citation using [Citing Sources LibGuide](http://guides.leeward.hawaii.edu/citingsources/mla8)

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| Whitehouse, Helen. The path to success doesn't have to go through university. 2016. 24 02 2019 <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2016/apr/26/university-graduating-non-graduates-career-skills>. |

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| The article explains that irrespective of education students are unable to find better jobs in the future. Every year many graduates leave universities but face challenges in the job markets. A college education is not focusing on developing professional skills. The competition will grow more in the future. I will use the source for providing support to the argument that education is a waste of money because it does not confirm job security. |

Quest 5: Annotated Bibliography

Allen, Mendenhall. "The Case Against Education: Why the Education System Is a Waste of Time and Money ." Cato Journal 38.2 (2018): 559 -562.

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