

## ASK YOURSELF THESE QUESTIONS TO DETERMINE YOUR RESEARCH NEEDS:

**What type of assignment has my professor assigned?** A book review, research paper, or presentation may require different kinds of resources to complete your research.



**Does my professor specify a number or type of resource?** Sometimes a professor will want you to use specific types of resources (monographs, websites, peer reviewed articles etc.) or stick to a certain number. Be sure to meet your professor's requirements!



**How current do my sources have to be?** Your professor may outline a specific time period from which your sources can come or your subject area (like science) may require that you only use the most current information available.



**What is the focus of the assignment?** Ask yourself what the professor wants from your assignment. Are you supposed to take a stance, make an argument, or address a controversial subject?