Helping Students Understand & Conduct Research

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Meet Suzy Q!
✓ First-generation student
✓ A proud Roadrunner
✓ Enrolled in AIS 1203 Pathway: Social Sciences
✓ Interested in issues related to immigration
✓ Has never done a lit review – help!

Activity: Let’s help her along with her course objectives.
How would you research immigration?

Create a Reading List called AIS 1203: Suzy Q
Search for content to help Suzy out.
Browse search → Discipline
✓ Education + Immigration
✓ Health + Immigration
✓ Criminology + Immigration
✓ Science + Immigration
✓ Business + Immigration

Select a piece of content to get Suzy started.
Add it to your reading list!
Now let’s head over to the Project Planner.
- Add a section from the planner that you think Suzy will need to know about

Time to visit our friend the Methods Map.
- Search for a method that you think Suzy might find worthwhile
- Navigate to a search results from your chosen method
- Find a video, case, and/or dataset to add to your reading list
- Why are these important?

Now share your list with Suzy!
• **Something to Think About:** How can you weave this resource into the 4-year research experience at UTSA?
  • **Case Study:** University of Alaska Anchorage
  • **Usage Story:** Belmont University

• **Something to Know:** Open Educational Resources at UTSA
  • [https://lib.utsa.edu/services/faculty/open-educational-resources](https://lib.utsa.edu/services/faculty/open-educational-resources)
  • Get started: [https://lib.utsa.edu/services/faculty/oer/getting-started](https://lib.utsa.edu/services/faculty/oer/getting-started)

• **Something to Do:** Your SRM mission, if you should choose to accept it!
  • Think of a course you are teaching or a Suzy Q you know
  • How can you use SRM to compliment this course or to help your Suzy Q?
  • Create a reading list with description and share it with us! We are here for you and all your Suzy Qs!
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Looking for more SRM fun?

- Chat with us at lunch today or meet with Patrick in-person this week!
- Meet with SAGE research team or UTSA librarian for more in-depth training
- Schedule a student session on SRM for your upcoming courses
- Tell your friends about SRM – it’s available institution wide!
- Check out Method Space – a free online community for researchers
“I refer to this database as lots of my master's students are coming back after years away and they have told me the examples in this have helped enhance their understanding of the textbook.”

“I always show the students the project planner because it steps them through any questions they might ask themselves when designing a research project. The Methods Map also helps them see which method would be the best approach for the specific study.”

“The Little Green Books and Little Blue Books are great for questions about quantitative and qualitative research design. I show the students how they can browse methods by discipline from the main screen and also how they can search for a specific type of design and get information on it.”

“The videos demonstrate various research methods concepts and are great for faculty to embed in their courses. Also, there are sample datasets for students and faculty to practice with.”

“I just started using it in Honors Thesis Workshops this spring. Students had questions about methods and doing interviews, etc. It is a good tool for students just beginning with these concepts to use as a guide, easily find best practices, and so forth.”