

Today's topic:

- **Final projects: Information and topic planning**

Background:

- Final project information handout

0. Key points today

- About the final project
- Group brainstorming: Possible directions
- Resources for finding articles
- Workshop time: Look for articles, refine your topic
 - Work on your own
 - Confer with me
 - Brainstorm/work with classmates

1. Final project information

- How the project works
 - Final project info & resources [webpage](#)
Available there:
 - Final project information handout
 - Grading criteria

2. Brainstorming: Some possible topics

Group discussion

What are some possible topics for a final project?

- Every group member should take a turn contributing a topic idea to the group discussion
- Each group will be asked to report at least three topic ideas to the class

3. Resources for finding articles

- What methods have you used for finding sources for projects?

3. Resources for finding articles

- Some useful resources — see this [webpage](#)
 - Google Scholar (link through UNC Libraries!)
 - Other article databases — JSTOR, PsycInfo, etc.

3. Resources for finding articles

- Some things to watch out for
 - What is the quality of the journal?
 - Check for bad editing
 - What is the publication date?
 - Older articles are okay if chosen for a reason
- Some resource types to avoid in general (or at least check with me before using)
 - PhD dissertations and MA theses
 - They are long and not always well edited
 - Meta-analyses or summaries of research

4. Workshop time

- How to make use of this time:
 - Work on your own
 - Confer with me
 - Brainstorm or work together with classmates

5. Upcoming

- Topic for Thursday: Review and summary of the research results we've seen so far
- Think about:
 - Do you have questions about any of the articles?
 - What are some implications for reading education?