**STARTING YOUR RESEARCH:**

1. **Come up with your focus question**.

For example, how did the Victorian era affect the writing of Alice in Wonderland?

My focus question is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. **Brainstorm some questions** you will need to know in order to make your research relevant.

EX. When was AIW written?

How did Victorians view children?

What types of books did Victorian children read?

What types of laws governed children and adults?

How were little girls supposed to act?

MY questions are :

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6. **Choose some sources** which will help you with these questions and collect them in proper APA or MLA style. Feel free to use the Easy Bib cite to collect and format then copy paste to a document. You will be required to submit this document as part of the final product.

SOURCES

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1. **Choose a method of collecting your information**. You might consider using your questions as categories of information and collecting them either manually by using note cards or electronically by having a page/document for each one.

NOTE: Be sure to have “ “ around any information which you have taken/copied directly from your source.

Ideas which you put in your own words but are not your own still need a source. Depending on whether you want to use MLA or APA will determine how you do this. The example below is MLA.

NOTE #2: You will be evaluated on your ability to COLLECT INFORMATION IN AN ORGANIZED WAY.

Ex. 1

How did Victorians view children?

“While the wealthy children may have been spoiled and had a much better life than the poor children, they also had what would seem to be a sad, redundant and affection-less existence.” (Price, paragraph 2)

“But although adherents to the cult of the child described their appreciation in religious and/or aesthetic terms, the art they produced reveals a disturbing tendency to conceive of the child as the ideal romantic partner. “(Gubar paragraph 10)

Ex. 2 What types of books did Victorian children read?

“With its rollicking depiction of nursery life, Catherine Sinclair’s *Holiday House* (1839) is often regarded as a landmark text that shifted the focus of children’s fiction from instruction to delight. Classics like Edward Lear’s *A Book of Nonsense* (1846) and Lewis Carroll’s *Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland* (1865) carried on this tradition. Mixing fantasy and realism, authors like Juliana Ewing, Mary Louisa Molesworth, and E. Nesbit painted a vivid picture of the middle-class nursery as a hotbed of hobbies: private theatricals, elaborate games, gardening, the composition of family magazines, and so on.” (Holzermer, paragraph 6)

1. Looking at your information, go back to your original question and **come up with at least 5 ways your research is connected to the novel**. I suggest a chart or web which shows all of the connections between the era and the novel. Regardless of your choice, this step is evaluated in terms of organization and the ability to show connections to the novel. I suggest that you include quotes/examples/page #s.