**Identify Your Topic**

(Ex. Creation of national bank)

**Identify what you already know**

What do you already know about this topic? (Ex. Alexander Hamilton supported it; became Federal Reserve)

You can search the Credo Reference database for background information on your topic.

**Create Keywords and Search Terms**

Create keywords based on what you know: (Ex. “national bank”, “Alexander Hamilton”)

**Find an Article or Book**

Find an article or book by starting at [http://www.castleton.edu/library/](http://www.castleton.edu/library/) and searching OneSearch

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Search, select a book or article, and jot down the citation information here:

*Author, Date, Title of Book or Article, Title of Journal/Magazine (if applicable), etc.*

Do the author and source appear credible?

Does it represent an opinion?

Is the article useful for your assignment? Yes ___ No ___

If no, why not?:

What will you do differently on the next search (Ex. Revise search terms; Narrow topic; Search another Database)?
Start your research at the library’s homepage:

http://www.castleton.edu/library/

Or visit the Research Guide for this class:

http://libguides.castleton.edu/economic_history

Need help with research?

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