

# 7 Things You Should Know about...Web 2.0 Technologies: Effective Applications for Research Papers

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<b>Identify Your Topic</b>	Look at the "most popular" blogs at blog directories like Technorati and Blogorama.			Read blogs and news articles focused on the specific topic to get a sense of what people are currently discussing.	Look at the most current and most popular sites and pages bookmarked at any of the social bookmarking sites, especially Digg.		
<b>Write a research question</b>	Post versions of your research question: blogs will invite replies, and wikis/document sharing will invite replies and allow you to track revisions.					Post a stand alone note with your detailed research question in your project's file.	Post a note with your detailed research question at the top of your project's personal portal page.
<b>Assess what you know</b>	Share invention strategies that explore the topic (brainstorming, freewriting, looping, etc.). Invite feedback.						
<b>Develop a Research Plan</b>	Post a blog that lists or outlines what you need to find as well as where you might find it. Invite others to reply to your list/outline. Track sources as you find them.	Start a separate wiki page for each type of secondary resource you need to find.	Write up detailed procedures and instruments (surveys, research questions, etc.) for your primary research. Invite others to respond and revise.			Set up tags or folders that correlate with the specific sub-categories of your project so that you can organize your materials.	Construct a to-do list with deadlines for all of the types of research you need to conduct as well as types of resources you need to find.
<b>Locate and Track Sources</b>		Construct annotated bibliographies of your secondary resources. Invite others to add to and respond.	Collect the raw data from your primary research activities. Share with any research collaborators.	Start subscribing to and reading relevant blog, news feeds, Yahoo and Google search results, and bookmarking feeds. Organize and tag appropriately.		Create new items for "key" resources as you find them. Be sure to take detailed notes and input all the appropriate bibliographic information.	Each day start working on your research project by visiting your portal page and checking the to-do list.
<b>Answer Research Question</b>				Keep an eye on your syndicating resources to see if any new information or issues develop.			Continue to work from and add to your to-do list.
<b>Present Your Answer</b>	Use a blog or wiki to informally "publish" your research. Consider updating your home page with a reflection of, or introduction to, the project.		As you draft your response to your question, share versions of your draft with collaborators. Track your revisions.			Use the citation output tool to construct any appropriate citations you need.	Continue to work from and add to your to-do list. You can attach a document or link to a "published" project. You can also "publish" as an interactive multi-media portal page.