Finding Sources
Scholarly journal articles

It can take some time to find useful research sources. Also, keep in mind that scholarly (peer-reviewed) journal articles are oftentimes quite narrowly focused. The best way to use a narrowly-focused scholarly article is as an example of a general point you’re trying to make in your research paper.
Many students find it easier to use books as research sources because they are not as narrowly-focused as scholarly articles.

I love books!
Another tip

Whether you’re using a book or a journal article in your research paper, one helpful tip to keep in mind is that it is sometimes possible to find additional useful research sources in your original sources’ own works cited or references list.
What about Wikipedia?

Most instructors will not accept a Wikipedia article as a research source, but it can still be useful to read an article on your topic in Wikipedia first in order to get a broad overview of your subject. Also, some Wikipedia articles list links to scholarly sources at the end of them.
Where can I find scholarly (peer reviewed) sources?

Three great places to find research sources (books & scholarly [peer reviewed] journal articles) are the college’s library catalog, the EbscoHost database (accessed through the college Library’s webpage) and Google Scholar.
Where to find Google Scholar:

Go to www.google.com and select “Scholar” from the drop down list under “more.”
Sources continued

Always try to find reliable sources.

Other websites can also sometimes be used as a reliable research source.

Always check with your instructor if you are unsure about using a particular website as a source.