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Steps of the Research Process	Tasks
1. Select a topic and define your research question	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Survey the literature (articles and books) ▪ Identify data available (in both data sources and literature on related topics) ▪ <i>Sample topic: Do interventions in developing countries in health status have a direct effect on economic performance of that country?</i>
2. Scan the literature for previous work in your area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Search for economics literature
3. Find evidence relevant to your economic question	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Search for economics literature ▪ Define the kind of data needed ▪ Search for data ▪ Evaluate the information as you find it
4. Analyze and process your information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Read and synthesize the written work ▪ Analyze your data
5. Write your paper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Write ▪ Cite your literature and data

Resources	Use For
Faculty and TAs for Your Course	Advice on selecting a topic Interpreting your results Guidance in writing
Libraries' Research Guides: http://libraries.mit.edu/research-guides	Information sources on a variety of topics for this and other classes
Economics Research Guide: http://libguides.mit.edu/econ	Economics data and literature
Social Science Data Services guide: http://libraries.mit.edu/guides/subjects/data	More data sources and tools for data analysis
Citation Software: http://libraries.mit.edu/references	Collecting, managing, and cite your references
Writing and Communication Center: http://web.mit.edu/writing	Help in writing

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