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The Research Process

- 1 Write a Research Question**—Students often have a good research topic, but sometimes need help refining their research question. A quick search on **SAGE Research Methods** gives them info on what makes a good, testable research question.
- 2 Conduct a Literature Review**—**SAGE Research Methods** includes info on how to conduct a literature review, as well as how to write up the results.
- 3 Choose a Method**—The video “How do I choose between different research methods” with Stephen Gorard talks about how to select the right method for their research.
 - Dictionary and Encyclopedia entries are a great way to get a quick introduction to a method and narrow down the best means of testing their research question.
 - If your library has access, **SAGE Research Methods Cases** can also help select methods. Students can search case studies for research questions similar to theirs and use the same or similar methodology.
- 4 Gather, Analyze, and Present the Data**—The many book titles on particular methods equip students to gather and analyze their data, and case studies can show them the obstacles and questions that can often arise in the course of a project to help them anticipate these twists.
- 5 Dissemination**—**SAGE Research Methods** has resources on writing up research findings, completing a dissertation, and submitting work for publication.

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