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Probably to not be scared about the idea

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of having a you know broad topic that

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they really have to focus on. I think in

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the beginning it can be kind of scary

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but when you actually get down to it

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it's you know there's ways to make it

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enjoyable. I mean this is

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coming from someone who enjoys writing

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so it's kind of a different process for

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me. But there are ways! Like if you pick a

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topic that's something that you find

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exciting and something that you think

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other people would find it exciting. Or

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even I mean if you're interested in it

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most people will be interested in it. And

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then I guess the other thing is don't be

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scared to use like library resources!

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They were so helpful for me being

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able to sit down and like I learned how

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to use the library because I you like

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was writing this project and I needed to

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figure out how to find certain things.

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And just being able to walk through

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the shelves and find you know 16 books

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all next to each other that all talked

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about something that I could talk about

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in my paper was really nice. I would say

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Google is your friend but not your best

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friend! That you should always always

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check I guess sources that don't come to

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you right off the bat. That don't show up

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in the first three listings on the

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webpage. Something like a book that that

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I had Spelman to back me up with the

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personal accounts was great. If you're

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E110 teacher doesn't give you a book

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maybe find something, some philosopher or

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activist who has written about this. Find

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something that doesn't in your source

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say: "website". Because we are moving into a

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digital age but there's so much out

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there that isn't online that is so

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important to have! Go and talk to people

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is also one of my biggest

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recommendations. The fact that I was able to talk

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to a real legislator was so helpful in

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everything I did. Even if your topic

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isn't something like that where you have

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necessarily

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someone who is right away someone to

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think about interviewing, maybe talk to

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friends, family, strangers. The words

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that come from them can be more valuable

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than any statistic you can find in five

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seconds with a search engine. I guess

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the first piece of advice - its so

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trite and I'm sure you've heard it from

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your professors - but you have to pick

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something that you're genuinely

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interested in. If you don't, all the

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research you're going to be doing it's

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gonna feel so laborious. You're not gonna

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want to read those peer-reviewed

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articles. You're not gonna go into

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DELCAT and sift through all that

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information if you don't genuinely care

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about it. So that would be the first

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piece of advice. I think the second piece

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of you like don't be afraid of change.

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You know, your original

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thought may not be your end result, but

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like that's okay! And again I alluded to

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it earlier but that could be better than

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what you originally anticipated. I

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think there's definitely some beauty in

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that. I guess also too, like read as much as

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you can. I think something that for me it

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was a little difficult initially was

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understanding you're not just gonna be

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able to type something into the search

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bar like: "sounds of the supermarket" and

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you're gonna have 50 great articles pop

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up. Sometimes the information that you

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seek is gonna be buried deep within

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something else. And it's up to you to

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find that and to be patient and to kind

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of do your reading and do your due

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diligence. It doesn't have to be daunting

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One can first feel a bit overwhelmed by

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the degree of freedom that they have, but

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then, you know, that degree freedom is

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indeed liberating. You aren't tied down

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to something per se. You are free to

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widen and narrow the scope of your

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search as much as you want. And I say

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take the initiative and ask those

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questions that deserve to be asked. Those

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questions that you think haven't been

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asked yet or haven't been asked enough.

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Because, you know, that's what the

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university is. It's an engine for thought

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and discourse.

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If you think it's worth investigating go

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for it! And that'll add to that

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collective knowledge that we have and

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hopefully somewhere in there is a seed

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of the answer we're looking for.

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