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## Information Literate Engineer: Assignment #2: Begin working on your topic

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Course Name: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Choose a topic that you will research through this and the following assignments. **It is advisable to contact me in advance of next class at [literate-engineer@busitema.ac.ug](mailto:literate-engineer@busitema.ac.ug) so that I can have a look at your topic and make sure that it will work for this course.**
2. Develop a working knowledge of your topic by looking it up the following:
  - [Wikipedia](#)
  - A more formal research tool. Visit the Library website -> go to the electronic resources page and use select the **Encyclopedias** tab to identify from a list of **dictionaries, encyclopedias, guides** related to your topic. Also, use the online electronic databases that match your topic using the tabs functionality organizing the resources by subject/discipline [**add a link to the library website where the reference materials are – list of books and online resources**]

List the title of the Wikipedia entry, and the name of the encyclopedia plus the name of the entry you looked up.

2. Summarize in a paragraph of 8-10 lines the basic facts about your topic, based on your study of the two reference sources. Don't copy. Put the information in your own words. Don't pose any research questions at this time or describe how you plan to do your research on the topic. Just summarize your working knowledge. Which source – Wikipedia or the formal research work – offers you the “best” information, and why?