ACRL Framework for Information Literacy

Research as Inquiry

I have a research question!
What is your topic? Does it need to be broader or narrower? What is the debate?

Information Creation as a Process

I need information!

Authority is Constructed and Contextual

I need credible information!
Why should I trust my information? Is it biased? Is it opinion or fact? Is the author an expert?

Searching as Strategic Exploration

I need a search strategy!

Scholarship as a Conversation

I need to defend my thesis!
Are there multiple perspectives? Who is contributing to the conversation? Why? Are certain voices louder? What is your contribution to the topic?

Information has Value

I need to cite my sources!
How do I cite my sources? How do I avoid plagiarism? Are my graphics and videos licensed for reuse? What is public domain?

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