If you don’t know where you are going, any road will do. *Lewis Carroll*
WHAT IS STRATEGY?

• An elaborate and systematic plan of action
• A long term plan of action designed to achieve a particular goal, most often winning
• A method or plan for doing something
• A combination of instruments to meet a given set of objectives
STRATEGY

- Before you get an assignment, know what resources are available to you.
NOTE TAKING

• Keep track of what you have seen
• Keep track of the sources you have already consulted
• Keep track of leads you will want to follow
UNDERSTAND THE ASSIGNMENT

• What information is needed?
• What are the time and money constraints?
• How should the answer be presented?
Strategy

- Analyze the specific problem
- Verify jurisdiction.
- Look at the information you were given for leads.
STRATEGY
Outline issues, develop vocabulary

Imagine how the issue has come up before.
OUTLINE RESEARCH PLAN

• Base your selection on:
  • What you already know
  • The kind of information needed.
  • The sources in which the information is available
  • The sources which are available to you.
  • The project deadline.
EVALUATE

• What type of information?
• How do you locate relevant information (finding tools)?
• How do you update it?
BEGINNING TO END

- Start with big picture, analysis, and background resources
- Move to selecting the best AUTHORITY for the issue
- Return to the issue to make sure your research matches
UPDATE!

Know how up-to-date you are
• When you run out of time.
• When you have done as much as the problem is worth.
• When you keep running into the same sources over and over.
  ▶ When you have checked and updated all the resources available to you.