

“I Searched” Project 2026

Instead of writing a Project Essay, you will be doing an “I Searched” project in its place. Your “search” project will relate to this years’ skilathon topic which is Health Care Management. Focus on the section of the skilathon manual that is for your age category.

You will use the following format:

I searched _____ (Resource) _____ for _____ (Topic) _____ and this is what I found: (Summarize what you found.)

Suggestions for resources are **reliable** online resources/websites (Wikipedia is not a reliable source, and google is not a website), university publications, books/textbooks, experts in the field (people who have knowledge of the subject), and the skilathon manual.

****Please Note – Resources will be checked.**

Juniors will have 2 searches; Intermediates will have 3 searches; Seniors will have 4 searches.

Once you have completed your searches, you will summarize your findings into your final “search” project and record on the project essay page in your record book. Be sure to use correct grammar, spelling and punctuation before writing in your record book.

Sample Junior “I Searched” Project: (what would be written in the record book)

I searched animatedknots.com for knots used with livestock and this is what I found: The website showed me how to tie the bowline knot, honda knot, square knot, quick release, and half hitch. There were lots of other knots that are used for a lot of different things, but I only looked at the ones that are part of our skilathon.

I searched the University of Florida askifas website for knots used with livestock and this is what I found: A 4-H document on tips on halter breaking cattle by Dr. DeCubellis. The document gave lots of hints on how to halter break a calf and mentioned the important knots that you might want to know.

After searching for knots used with livestock, I learned that the most important knot to know is the quick release knot. It is also called the “manger knot”. I was able to see how to tie the knot and know when to use it. Anytime I am going to tie my animal, I will use the quick release so if my animal gets upset and falls, I would be able to get them untied quickly so they don’t get hurt. I also learned that there are a lot of useful knots, not just with livestock but other areas too. I think that I will use the quick release and half hitch the most while I am working with my animal and when I have my animal at the fair.