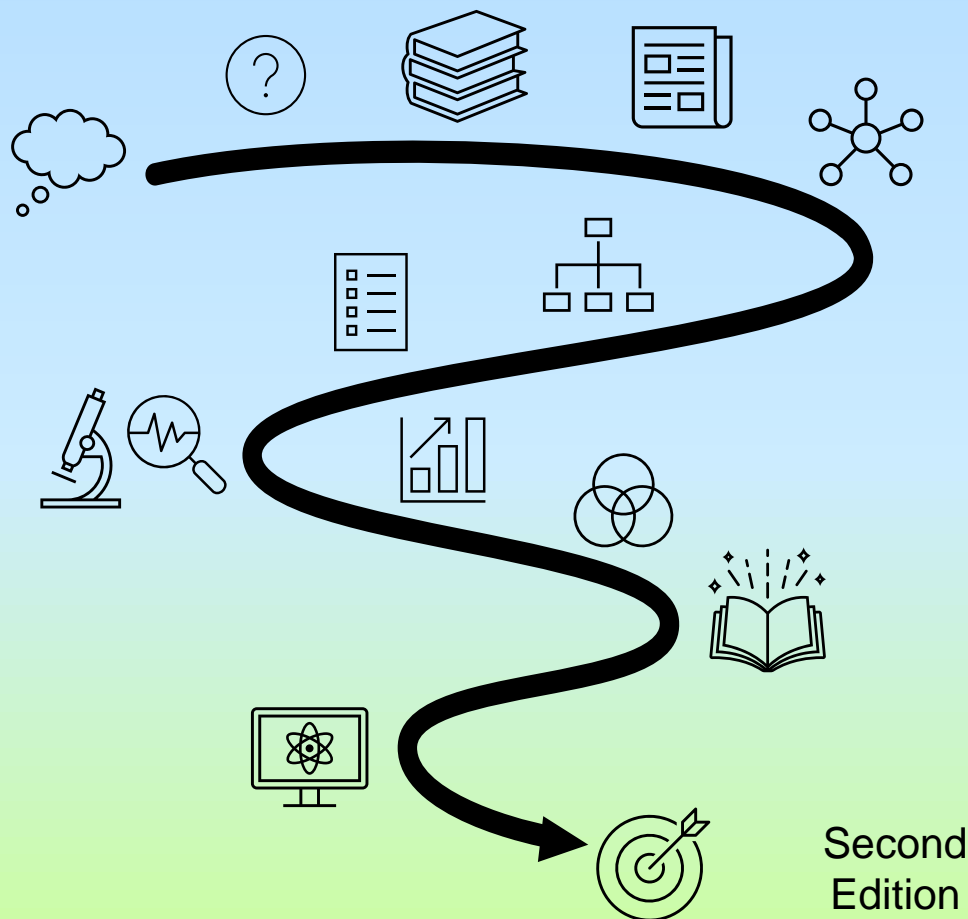


# COMPASS GUIDE FOR BEGINNERS: From Research Questions to Research Reports and Presentations



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*To my children, Adriana and Oliver McKague,  
for their love, inspiration, sense of adventure and zest for learning  
which bring joy and happiness to our lives.*

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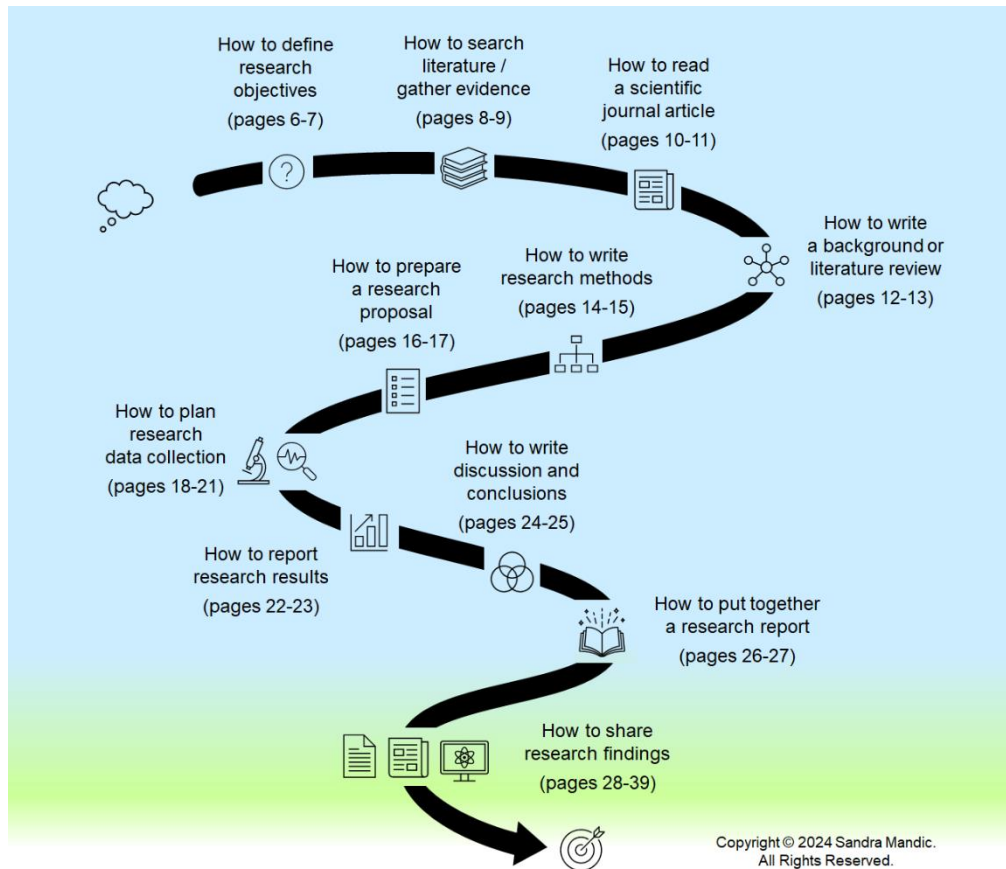
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This book has been designed for individuals and teams who are new to research to offer guidance for navigating the research process.

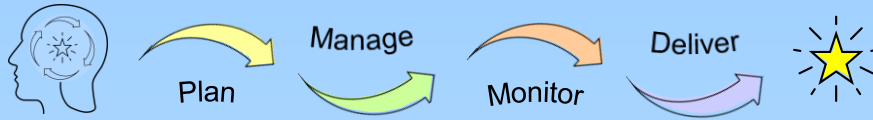
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Once you have defined your research question or objective, you will need to choose appropriate research methods to answer it.

The next steps will be planning for and collecting research data (which is often the most memorable aspect of the research journey), preparing data for analysis and completing data analysis (not covered in this guide). The following steps include interpretation of findings, writing up results, discussion and conclusion sections, and putting your research report together.

The final stage on the research journey is sharing research findings with those who would benefit from your work – usually through various reports and presentations.

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