**Library Workshop  
LBST 301: Labour Movements: Contemporary Issues and Images**<http://www.lib.sfu.ca/help/subject-guides/labour-studies/labourstudies301>

1. **Choose and an industry / type of worker**

2. **Demographic profile**:  age, gender, education, ethnicity, ability/disability, etc.

1. **Profile of the Industry / Sector**:
   * economic conditions of industry,
   * wages (increase/decrease over time) in relation to cost of living, inflation
   * technological changes affecting the workforce,
   * competition in the industry
2. **Union Environment**

* Are they unionized? If yes, principle unions in the sector or efforts at unionization
  + Union activities / lobbying of government
  + Inclusion/exclusion based on race, gender, ethnicity
* Workplace grievances and are there processes for handling
* Benefits: e.g. healthcare, pension, maternity/parental leave
* Skills: education/credentials (e.g. are foreign credentials recognized?), upgrading skills

1. **Health of the Workforce**:
   * Unusual health issues in comparison to general public,
   * Canadian Federal Law and Legislation (Acts, Codes, Regulations)