# The Information Search Process by Carol Kuhlthau

# When starting a research assignment...

people feel: nervousness, uncertainty

#### When selecting a topic

people feel: confused and anxious, or slightly happy, eager

### When exploring information

people feel: confused, uncertain, doubtful

## When formulating a focus

people feel: positive, confident

## When collecting information

people feel: overwhelmed by the amount of work to be done, confident in their ability to complete the task, increasingly interested in their topic

#### When preparing their presentation

people feel: a sense of relief, sometimes satisfaction, sometimes disappointment

#### When evaluating the process

people feel: a sense of accomplishment or sense of disappointment

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