**The coding process**

- You can code your sources to gather material about particular **themes and topics**. You can also code relevant information that you would like to store in one place to compare and contrast later (for example, definitions of a concept that you have read in different journal articles, books, or sources).

- You can also code to gather material about a **person or a place**.

- When you code, you create containers that gather all the information about a topic, theme, or person. These containers are your **nodes**.

- The way you approach coding as a process depends on your methodology and research question, but some ideas are:
  - Start with ‘broad-brush’ coding to organise the material into broad topic areas.
  - Create some nodes that are going to be helpful when writing (for example, definitions of a topic).
  - Do ‘coding rounds’ for the same material to confirm consistency, compare results between different researchers etc.