

* = notes for FTF seminar readers

EXPLORING DISCIPLINE-SPECIFIC RESOURCES

* *From the end of the assignment segment submitted for 11-12-2014:*

The rest of the week, we would meet in the classroom to explore articles online through the newspaper and magazine/journal article databases and by searching websites for trade magazines. The students would select articles relevant to their academic/professional goals to use for the next days' tasks, such as citation practice, reading, and examining characteristics of the articles.

* *This is the second step in a series of small assignments examining characteristics of periodicals leading to an exploration of discipline-related articles from different types of periodicals. For the first step, the class would have met in the library to explore printed periodicals (popular, trade, and scholarly) before transitioning to electronic means of access.*

DUE: _____ (* The due date and method of submission would be noted here.)

Now that you have familiarized yourself with some characteristics of popular, trade, and scholarly publications during the class meeting at the library, we are progressing to using the library's electronic resources to locate articles from similar types of publications. First, though, your task is to seek out resources that are authoritative in your field and then see what is available through the library here at ECU.

Follow these directions carefully, and let me know if you need help as you're working in class.

1. Do a Google search for a term related to "top journals in _____" and fill in the blank with your academic/professional field. You may find lists such as these two examples for art/art history and biology/medicine:

Lackman, Jon. "Journal Rankings." *Art History Newsletter*. 6 Oct. 2008. AHN. 13 Nov. 2014. <http://arthistorynewsletter.com/blog/?p=730>

"Top 10 Journals in Biology and Medicine." *DBIO: SLA Biomedical & Life Sciences Division*. June 2009. Special Libraries Association. 13 Nov. 2014. <http://dbiosla.org/publications/resources/topten.html>

a. Type your search term(s) here:

b. Using the guide on Blackboard, type the citation(s) for the page(s) you found here:

2. List the titles of THREE publications you found through your Internet searches to be ones that are significant in your academic/professional field(s):

a.

b.

c.

3. Go to the Joyner Library homepage (www.ecu.edu/cs-lib) and click the purple square with the yellow magnifying glass icon at the right of the OneSearch box. On the new page, at the top by the orange Search button, click Advanced Search. On the new page, put the title of your first journal selection in the “from this publication” field. Click the orange Search button. The first result in the list should be an entry for the journal itself if ECU offers access to it. Click that first result. For the letters below, re-list the journal titles you chose and copy/paste the information from the gray box: the databases through which you can access the journal. (If one of your three chosen journals isn’t available, select a replacement to use for this section and note that you changed one of your titles.)
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.

4. Do an Internet search to find the websites of the journal(s) you have chosen and write about them. Typically, just searching the title will deliver the result you need. Read about the journal’s history and submission guidelines. For the letters below, re-list the journal titles you chose and write approximately 250-300 words about each of the journals, how you can access them through ECU, and what you think about what you’re reading in relation to your academic/professional future. Following the samples on Blackboard, cite your sources in the text of your sections and with works cited entries for the webpages, etc., you’re using. Include the word count (not including the works cited entries) at the end of each section.
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.