

LESS TRANSPARENT

EXAMPLE F: PRACTICING LIBRARY RESEARCH

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Lesson 9: Book Assignment

Required Reading: Gather

Directions:

You will practice using the QuickSearch in this assignment.
 You will be working with your group members on this assignment
 Fill in the header and answer all of the questions.
 Save your file and submit via Blackboard

Learning Outcome associated with this assignment:

2.1 Student demonstrates basic understanding of the characteristics and appropriate uses of selected types of sources as research tools.

Objectives:

2.1a Student identifies the characteristics and appropriate uses of books as information sources.

Search the catalog for books (print or e-books) on your Capstone assignment. The following questions will guide you through your search.

Your topic is:

1. List 2-3 keywords you will use to search the catalog for books on your topic.

Keywords:
AND
AND

2. List a synonym or alternate term you could use with each keyword to broaden your search in the catalog. Make sure these are terms that would actually appear in catalog records or scholarly books



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3. Look through your results and find a book that appears relevant to your topic. Type the title and author here.

4. What specific information did you find in the when you clicked the title helped you decide that this book could be relevant to your topic?

5. Where is the book located, and what is the call number? (If it is an ebook, say so and describe how you can gain access to the full text).

6. List the subject terms of your chosen book (click on the title of the book to see this).

How can you use subject terms to help you perform further research on your topic?

7. In what situations would a book be helpful to conducting research (Hint: Think about how books compare to other sources, like websites and articles)?

8. Will you use this book in your Capstone Assignment? Why or why not?

9. Provide a citation of the book in APA 6th or MLA 7th format.



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Revised EXAMPLE F: PRACTICING LIBRARY RESEARCH

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Purpose

This assignment will help you to search for books related to your topic; understand why a book might be useful for research; and physically locate books in Gumberg Library.

Skills

This assignment will focus on skills necessary for locating information in a specific format. You will practice:

- Identifying multiple keywords
- Choosing relevant sources
- Identifying which parts of a source will be the most useful □ Locating books in the library/accessing e-books

Knowledge

The skills necessary to locate a specific information format are transferrable to other formats and to search platforms that you will use in the future.

Task

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Keywords:	Synonyms / Alternate Terms:
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3. Look through your results and find a book that appears relevant to your topic. Type the title and author here.
4. What specific information did you find in the when you clicked the title helped you decide that this book could be relevant to your topic?

An effective answer will include: a description of source content and its relevance to your topic.

5. Where is the book located, and what is the call number? (If it is an ebook, say so and describe how you can gain access to the full text).
- 6 a) List the subject terms of your chosen book (click on the title of the book to see this).
- 6 b) How can you use subject terms to help you perform further research on your topic?

An effective answer will include: an understanding of the difference between subject terms and keywords.

7. In what situations would a book be helpful to conducting research (Hint: Think about how books compare to other sources, like websites and articles)?

An effective answer will include: an understanding of the Information Cycle and the position of books within that cycle.

8. Will you use this book in your Capstone Assignment? Why or why not?
9. Provide a citation of the book in APA 6th or MLA 7th format.