Library Online Database Worksheet

SIRS (For Topic Ideas)

Finding an article – start at library’s Home Page:  www.library.riohondo.edu

1. Click Online Databases

2. Under “Popular Databases” choose SIRS.

3. Select a topic under Leading Issues and write it here. __________________________

4. What is the argument for and against the question listed for this topic?

_____________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________

5. Choose one article listed under your topic.

6. What source type is it (magazine, newspaper, viewpoint, etc.)? ______________________

7. Click on the link for your article.

   Title of article:
   __________________________
   __________________________
   __________________________

   Publication (source) title: __________________________

   Publication date: ________________      Number of pages ____________

   Source type (magazine, newspaper, journal): __________________________
Database Exercise – Find an Article/Source by Topic

1. List your BROAD topic.  Example: Race Discrimination

________________________________________________________________________________________

2. Narrow it down.

   • Open EBSCO Database
   • Click on Subjects on the top left corner
   • Select “Sociology Thesaurus” from the drop down list.
   • Type your BROAD topic and click “Browse.”
   • Choose appropriate subject heading, check mark boxes with suitable subject subheadings then “add” to the search by clicking:

   ![Sociology Thesaurus](image)

   Now click the search button on the top of the webpage.

   Example: Race Discrimination → Discrimination in Housing → Minorities Housing

   Note: Use “AND” if “OR” brings back too many results.

3. List the keywords (main concepts) that you find in the article that interests you.  Example: DISCRIMINATION in housing; HOUSING; RACE discrimination; MINORITIES – Housing.
   Now use these keywords to search for articles, either one at a time or together by adding “AND” in between the two keywords.

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4. Find an article from the following databases:

- EBSCO
- SocINDEX
- PROQUEST
- **Optional**: ProQuest Social Science Journals

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5. Email the article and its citation to yourself.
Find a Book Exercise

1. What is your topic?
______________________________________________________________________

2. What are the keywords you will use to search for your topic?
________________________________________________________________________

3. Go to http://library.riohondo.edu/

4. Click on “Library Catalog Beta” in the left column.

5. Type your search words

6. Select a book and click on the **Title** of the book.

7. Now answer these questions:
   a) Title:_______________________________________________________________
   b) Author: _________________________________
   c) Publication Information (city, publisher, date)___________________________
   d) Call Number: ____________________________
   e) Is the book available for check out? _________________________________

8. What information do you need to find a book? __________________________

9. Where will you go if you need help to find the book? ______________________

10. Where will you go to check one out? (take it home?)_______________________
Library Orientation Worksheet

Part 1: Library Overview

1. What is the web address (URL) for the library?

2. What are the Circulating Stacks?

3. Where will you go to check out a book?

4. Where will you go to ask help for your research or find a book?

5. What do you need to check out a book?

6. How many items can you check out at one time?

7. How much does it cost to print or make photocopies in the library? What will you need to make a print out?

8. Reserve materials: (2 points)
   a. Where are the reserve books located?
   b. How long can you check out a reserve book?

9. How many Group Study Rooms are in the library? What is the minimum number of students required in a group to use the study rooms?
Part 2: Find a Book Exercise

Find a Book by Topic

Instructions

(Please DONOT ask the Reference Librarian or Front desk for help during this exercise.)

Check the handout titled, “Understanding Call Numbers”

Step 1: Search the Library Catalog for a circulating book (one you can check out).

Step 2: Locate a book about one topic out of the three topics you were given.

Step 3: List the title of a book this book:

___________________________________________________________________

Step 4: List the call number:

___________________________________________________________________

Step 5: Locate the book on the shelf and bring it back to the Library Orientation Room
Example of library services quiz given during library instruction session:
http://library.riohondo.edu/DatabasesRioOrientation/course/course70957.html

Example of website evaluation quiz given during library instruction session:
ENGL 201 Ibarra
http://libguides.riohondo.edu/content.php?pid=563990&sid=4649228

Example of short quiz given during library instruction session:
ENGL 35 - Fried - Library Instruction - Survey 1
https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-77XGWGI/

Example of database search exercise given during library instruction session:
ENGL 101 Cascella
http://libguides.riohondo.edu/content.php?pid=479439&sid=3932693
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