**Locating Sources Activity**

We have practiced locating sources in Research Writing. One part of the Integrated Skills learning objectives is about how to conduct research. Today, you will practice looking for sources for your research.

1. Books

Go to WIU’s library homepage to search for books.

*Keyword Search* 🡪 using our own vocabulary to search, combining our keywords

What are a few keywords that you might want to search for? (Come up with at least 3 options of things to search)

 1.

 2.

 3.

Choose one keyword search to use. Write down the keyword search you will use:

Perform a keyword search. What are 3 titles that seem like they might work for you? (Remember, just because it’s listed near the top DOES NOT mean it is right for you. Don’t forget to write down the call number for each book!)

 1.

 2.

 3.

*Subject Search* 🡪 using words that an expert has assigned to articles

From a book that you listed above, find a subject that might work for you. What is that subject?

Click on the subject that you want to search. How many titles are there?

What is one title that is NOT listed above that might work for your topic? (Don’t forget to write down the call number too!)

1. Articles & Periodicals from Databases

Go to WIU’s library homepage and select “databases,” “general databases,” and then “Academic Search Premier”

*Keyword Search* 🡪 using our own vocabulary to search, combining our keywords

What are a few keywords that you might want to search for? (Come up with at least 3 options of things to search – don’t forget about quotations marks for phrases!)

 1.

 2.

 3.

Write down the keyword search you will use:

Perform a keyword search. What are 3 articles that seem like they might work for you? (Remember, just because it’s listed near the top DOES NOT mean it is right for you. Don’t forget to write down the name of the Journal!)

 1.

 2.

 3.

*Now expand the Keyword Search*

What are some synonyms you can use to expand your original keyword search? (Don’t forget about using parentheses!)

Now perform this expanded search. What is one article that is NOT listed above that might work for your topic? (Don’t forget to write down the Journal title too!)

*Subject Search* 🡪 using words that an expert has assigned to articles

From an article that you listed above, find a subject that might work for you. What is that subject?

Click on the subject that you want to search. How many titles are there?

What is one article that is NOT listed above that might work for your topic? (Don’t forget to write down the Journal title too!)

1. Other Online Sources

Go to <http://scholar.google.com/>

What are two possible searches you could make here?

 1.

 2.

Perform a search. What are three book or article titles that are NOT listed above that you found here?

 1.

 2.

 3.

1. Government or News Sites

Go to a news site of your choice (BBC, Al Jazeera, Huffington Post, New York Times, Google News, etc.). Search for your topic. What are two titles that might work for you?