



MESA COLLEGE LIBRARY WORKSHEET

Start from the Library's web site www.sdmesa.edu/library

Name:

Topic:

Outcomes - Upon successful completion of this session, you will be able to:

- Develop search strategies in order to locate information effectively.
- Search in appropriate research tools in order to locate relevant information.
- Evaluate retrieved information in order to determine the most appropriate material to use.

FINDING AN ARTICLE FROM A DATABASE

1. Use the **OneSearch** box on the library homepage **or** the **A-Z Databases List** from the center menu on the library's website, choose a database to locate an article. After you have found an article that you find useful, answer the following:

What are the keywords and search operators that you used in your search box?

2. Provide the following article information:

Article Title

Author(s), if listed

Title of Magazine/Journal

Date of Issue

Volume

Issue Number

Beginning Page #

Database Name:

LOCATING BOOKS/EBOOKS

3. Using the **OneSearch** box on the library website, search for your topic. From your results page limit your search to only books by using the **Resource Type** menu on the left hand side. Then find a **book title** that is **located at Mesa**. Complete the following:

Call Number (including location):

One Subject Heading:

Title:

Author(s):

Status (If book is checked out, enter the date due):

4. Click on the **Course Reserve tab** on the library website search box. Determine whether your instructor for this class has put any materials on Course Reserve.

Instructor's Name:

Provide the Reserve Call Number for one item they have put on reserve : (N/A if none).

SEARCHING AND EVALUATING WEBSITES

Using any search engine such as: Google or Bing, find a website that you think you might be able to use for your research. Provide the following information:

What are the keywords and search operators you used in your search box to find the site?

Website Name:

Website Address/URL:

Authority:

Describe who created this site and what information they provide to prove they are an authority that you should trust. What pages did you check? (such as About, Contact, Terms & Conditions)

Is there contact information? (Choose One) Yes No

Are there advertisements on this site? (Choose One) Yes No

Content/Bias:

As you look through the different links on the site what do you notice about the content? (for example, is the information: controversial, detailed, accurate. Does it clearly state its purpose and follow through with the information provided? Are you finding the information believable and/or one sided?)

Currency:

Can you find any proof that this site is up to date or does it appear to be old? For this assignment, does it matter if it is old? Explain:

Conclusion:

Would you use this site for scholarly research? Explain how you would defend this site to your instructor if they were to challenge it.

Wikipedia

What is Wikipedia good for and why can you NOT use it as a reference for an academic paper?