Assignment Instructions

Your first task is to select a topic from the list of “suggested topics” below. Using this topic, you will:
1. Create a research question about the topic.
2. Find a book in the Library’s online catalog, and print the book record.
3. Find an article using Library databases and print the detailed record page.
4. Find and evaluate a website, and print its first page.

You will use the same topic for each of the three sections.

There are three sections, each with activities and questions to answer. Attach the requested printouts and turn these in with the assignment. **The assignment is worth 25 points. You will also need to complete a quiz in Blackboard, worth 15 points.** If you are off campus, you may log in to the Library’s databases using your Jefferson College ID number followed immediately by the letters jc. Example: v00123456jc

### Suggested Topics

- animal cloning
- e-cigarettes
- minimum wage
- privacy
- college athletics
- homelessness
- net neutrality
- student loans
- drones
- media bias
- opioids
- other_________

1. What is your topic? (1pt) __________________________
2. All research should start with a question. Think about something you would like to investigate with regard to your topic. What is your question? (1pt) __________________________________________________
3. Use this question to come up with keywords to guide your search. List three keywords that could be used to find sources to answer your question. (1 pt) __________________________

#### Find a Book

- Go to [http://www.jeffco.edu/library](http://www.jeffco.edu/library)
- Click Books, Movies, Music...
- Click on the Library’s online catalog, Archway
- Perform a **Keyword** search by typing one or more of your keywords in the search field, click **Search**
- Find a book about your topic
  - To find a book about your topic, click on titles of books in the search results and examine the LC **Subjects** in the **book record**
  - Remember that Archway also contains other materials such as video and music; be sure to select a book
- When you have selected your book, click on the book title to display the **book record**
- Print the **book record** and attach it to this assignment- **(2 pts)**

Use the book record to answer the following questions: **(4pts)**

1. What is the title of your book? __________________________
2. Some books have multiple LC (Library of Congress) Subject headings. List one of the LC Subject headings for your book. __________________________
Find an Article

- Go to http://www.jeffco.edu/library
- Click Find Articles
- Select Academic Search Complete from the dropdown list at the bottom of the page and click ‘Go’
- Perform a Keyword search by typing one of your keywords in the database search box, click Search.
- Explore the search results and find an article on your topic
  - You may need to use Subject: Thesaurus Terms to narrow your search
  - To find an article about your topic, examine the Subjects to determine if the article is about your topic
- Click on the article title to display the detailed record
- Click on the Print link to the right in the detailed record page
- Under the Include when printing heading, make sure the HTML Full Text is not checked (if you don’t see this, just skip this step)
- Click the Print button on the left, click the Print popup
- Attach the printed detailed record page to this assignment

Use the Detailed Record to answer the following questions:
1. What is the title of your article? (2 pts) __________________________
2. What is the name, also called the Source, of the magazine, journal or newspaper in which the article was published? (2 pts) __________________________
3. How many pages is your article? (1 pt) _____ p.

Evaluate a Website

- Go to a search engine, e.g., Google, Duck Duck Go, Yahoo, Bing, and perform a search about your topic
- Examine your results to find a website about your topic
- Print the first page of the website and attach it to this assignment (1 pt)

1. What is the URL of your website? (1 pt) ____________________________

2. Use IFLA’s “How to Spot Fake News” to evaluate your website: Select five criteria from the gray box below (one for each of the boxes under “Criteria”) Then, evaluate your website using each criteria (5 pts).

Criteria (e.g., ‘check the author’) | Apply to your website. What do you conclude from each?
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| 1 |  
| 2 |  
| 3 |  
| 4 |  
| 5 |  

Consider the source
Read beyond the headline
Check the author
Supporting sources
Check the date
Is it a joke?
Check your biases

3. Is this a reputable source for college-level research? Yes No (Circle one) (1 pt)

4. Explain (1 pt) ____________________________
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