

Comm 1016 Class

As always – feel free to use your own search topics if you wish. If you can make this lesson flow better or have other ideas – have at it!!!!

The orange booklets, concept table, results sheets and the citation sheet will be in the room waiting for you.

Thanks again

How do you begin research?

- Choose a topic
- Often you need to do some research before you can decide on a thesis statement
- Narrow
 - Age
 - Time period
 - Geographic location
 - Event
- Model a concept table
 - Mountain top removal and Appalachia

Where do you go for information?

- Google – 19,900,000 results
 - What do you get – opinions
 - Blogs
 - Some quality
- Clusty
- Yahoo
- Ask
- the age of information will also determine where you go to get it. If you are looking for pyramids – chances are there will be several books and encyclopedia articles. If you are looking for information on the election you will need articles.

Advantage of our databases

- our databases are part of the invisible web – Google can't access them – password protected
- can search by controlled vocabulary or subjects
- peer reviewed
- NYT – online for 7 days, Washington post online only for 14 days
- Access back to 1977 for some

How do we search for articles?

- Databases are indexes of articles
 - Can be subject specific
 - Can be mixed citation/full text
 - Will return a list of citations

How do you read citations?

- Meant to organize the information about the article
- Shorthand to help you find the article
- Work through 3
- Model finding the first one in journal titles
 - Coffman, Sara “Ten Strategies for Getting Students to Take Responsibility for Their Learning” College Teaching 51.1 (winter 2003) 2-4
- Miller, Margaret. “The Meaning of the Baccalaureate.” About Campus 8.4(2003):2-8
- Fallows, James. “The New College Campus.” Atlantic Monthly 292.4 (Nov. 2003):106-112

General One File:

- Mountaintop removal
- Limit by peer review
- Tabs across the top
- Type of article on side
- Will have subject headings
- Add strip mining
- Environmental aspects
- How to get info on magazine
- Under Academic journals – use case study #3 Settlement of mine.. to illustrate
Get vtext

Factiva

- Must search using parenthesis and connectors
- Can limit by industry (energy, environmental,) and region

Opposing

- Show limiters
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