

Research Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

## Library Research Assignment

**You will be handed a research topic by your instructor. You are to take this topic and find one research item from each of the five following sources:**

*Always select full-text, peer-reviewed journal articles.*

**1. One electronic book**

- a. You will need to look in Academic Search Complete e-Book collection to locate your book.
- b. If you cannot find an e-book for your topic, substitute it with another article from one of the academic databases listed in Nos. 2 or 3.

**2. One article from Academic Search Complete**

**3. One article from GaleGroup's Opposing Viewpoints database**

**4. One newspaper article** select from:

- a. *The New York Times* archival index OR
- b. *Newspaper Source* in EBSCO

**5. One Internet Source that meets support-of-argument evaluation**

**criteria** [consult [Assessing an Argument](#) tutorial in PJC Library Web site].

- a. *i.e.* [SocioSite](#), OR the [Urban Institute](#), OR [Bedford/St. Martin's Research Web sites](#)
- b. use [www.firstmonday.org](http://www.firstmonday.org) for excellent Internet research articles. Be sure to apply evaluation criteria.

### DIRECTIONS:

When you have found a source, print off the first page – and only the first page. [In the **Print** option, select Pages and put 1-1].

1. You will turn in a total of 6 pages for your assignment, STAPLED!
2. The first page is your Works Cited page in **APA format** (example on back).
3. The following five pages will be the first page of each of your articles. Print only the first page. Make sure each article is relevant to your research topic and be sure to alphabetize by author's last name. You must have the following five items:
  - a. E-Book (if you cite a hardcopy book, turn in a printout of the bibliographic reference page from the iPAC online catalog.)
  - b. Article from Academic Search Complete database
  - c. Article from GaleGroup's Opposing Viewpoints database
  - d. Newspaper article
  - e. Internet source
4. Write a short paragraph (100-150 words) directly below the last entry on the Works Cited page describing the following:
  - a. Has this exercise improved your information-seeking behavior?
  - b. Do you think you can use the skills learned in this assignment in future classes you take to complete your certificate or degree?

- c. What was the most important thing you feel was taught in this assignment?
5. Evaluation consists of points awarded for each correct element of the bibliographic citation listed on the Works Cited page. See accompanying grading scale.

## Example: Technology AND Culture AND Social Media

### References<sup>1</sup>

Must be alphabetized by Author's last name to conform to APA format.

Academic Database Couldry, N., Gray, M. L., & Gillespie, T. (2013). Culture digitally: Digital in/justice. *Journal of Broadcasting & Electronic Media*, 57(4), 608-617.  
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Newspaper Rubin, Courtney. (2013). Technology and the college generation. *The New York Times*. Retrieved from <http://www.nytimes.com>

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<sup>1</sup> Hacker, Diana; Sommers, Nancy; Jehn, Tom; & Rosenzweig, Jane. (2009). *A writer's reference* (6<sup>th</sup> ed.). Boston: Bedford/St. Martin's.

<sup>2</sup> American Psychological Association. (2009). *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*. 6.32 Providing Publication Data for Electronic Sources. 187-204. Washington, DC.