

HINKLE LIBRARY RESEARCH WORKSHEET 2009 - 2010

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Date due: _____ Class time: _____ Librarian: _____

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GRADING RUBRIC	
√+	Outstanding! All questions correctly answered AND articles & book/video highly relevant AND MLA citations correct AND all printouts attached
√	OK! All questions attempted; only minor errors AND articles & book/video relevant AND minor errors in MLA citations AND all printouts attached
√-	Needs improvement! 1 or 2 questions not answered or incomplete OR article(s) or book/video barely relevant OR many errors in MLA citations OR 1 printout missing
NA	Not acceptable! More than 3 questions unanswered OR 2 or 3 printouts missing OR articles & book/video not relevant

1. **WHAT BROAD SUBJECT ARE YOU RESEARCHING?**

2. **SEARCHING UNDER A BROAD TOPIC IS A WASTED EFFORT!**

TO CREATE A GOOD “SEARCH STRATEGY” YOU MUST THINK *BEYOND* THE BROAD SUBJECT TO A NARROWER ONE BY ADDING ADDITIONAL WORDS TO YOUR SEARCH

Think about the WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN, OR WHY of the topic

Example: Abortion (Broad Subject) → Abortion—Parental Consent (Narrower topic)

3. **WHAT KEYWORDS WILL YOU USE TO SEARCH FOR YOUR NARROWER TOPIC?**

AT LEAST TWO KEYWORDS ARE NEEDED FOR A SEARCH.

THIS IS YOUR INITIAL “SEARCH STRATEGY.”

Keyword #1

Keyword # 2

Keyword # 3

_____ AND _____ AND _____

This is might be your “broad” subject . Example: Abortion

Example: Parental Consent

4. **FIND THE BEST FULL-TEXT ARTICLE POSSIBLE ON YOUR TOPIC BY SEARCHING IN ANY EBSCO DATABASE, SUCH AS [Academic Search Complete](#)**

Your article **MUST** be:

- Highly relevant to topic
- At least one printed page
- Available in full-text
- Not be a book or movie review
- Not be from a web page
- Not be from newspapers or newswires

- a. What keywords were used to find this article?
_____ AND _____ AND _____
- b. Author(s) of article (if given) _____
- c. Title of article: _____
- d. Title of magazine or journal (ex. Psychology Today) _____

- e. Date of magazine or journal article: _____
- f. Volume (if given): _____ Issue (if given) _____ Page(s): _____
- g. **Print the page with the citation information & the abstract (if available). Staple it to the worksheet.**

5. **FIND THE BEST FULL-TEXT ARTICLE POSSIBLE ON YOUR TOPIC BY SEARCHING IN [ProQuest](#). Your article MUST be:**

- Highly relevant to topic
- At least one printed page
- Full-text
- Not be from newspapers or newswires
- Not be a book or movie review
- Not be from a web page

- a. What keywords were used to find this article?
_____ AND _____ AND _____
- b. Author(s) of article (if given) _____
- c. Title of article: _____
- d. Title of magazine or journal (ex. Psychology Today) _____

- e. Date of magazine or journal article: _____
- f. Volume (if given): _____ Issue (if given) _____ Page(s): _____
- g. **Print the page with the citation information & the abstract (if available). Staple it to the worksheet.**

6. **FORMULATE A MLA CITATION FOR ONE OF THE ARTICLES LOCATED ABOVE.** See attached handout for guidance.

7. **SEARCH the Alfred State online catalog ONLY.** The item identified **MUST:**

- Be a book or video in the ASC collection
- Be relevant to your topic
- Not be from a web page, journal or magazine article
- Not be from WorldCat, Issues & Controversies, Opposing Viewpoints or from any other database

Answer the following questions if you chose a book:

Author(s) or Editor(s) if given: _____

Title: _____

Place of Publication _____ Publisher _____ Date _____

Answer the following questions if you chose a video or a dvd:

Title: _____

Producer/director/ actor info: _____

Format: _____ Distributor: _____

Year of release: _____

8. **What is the call number of the book or video?** _____

9. **Print out the “detailed” record and staple to worksheet**

10. **Formulate a MLA citation for the book or video you just identified in question #7.** See attached sheet for guidance.

MLA Examples

For more examples see the [MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers](#) (7th ed) ON RESERVE, or link to the [Diana Hacker MLA site](#)

Book: one author (2 or 3 authors: Allport, Gordon and Ozzy Osbourne.)

Allport, Gordon W. *The Nature of Prejudice*. Palo Alto: Addison, 1954. Print.

Book: two authors: Kuhl, Isabel and Kristina Lewis.

Book: three authors: Kuhl, Isabel, Kristina Lewis, and Sabine Thiel-Siling.

Book with editor:

Norwich, John Julius, ed. *Great Architecture of the World*. New York: Da Capo Press, 1978. Print.

Videocassette or DVD (*title, director, and other information as pertinent, distributor, date, format*)

Wayne's World. Dir. Penelope Spheeris. Prod. Lorne Michaels. Perf. Mike

Myers, Dana Carvey, and Rob Lowe. Paramount, 1992. DVD.

Article from a JOURNAL retrieved from a library database

Article title in quotation marks. all nouns capitalized. Name of journal in italics. Volume.Issue (Year): Pages.

Author Bloom, Lynn A. "Why I Hate to Give Grades." *College Composition* 48.3 (1997): 360-71. ProQuest.

Medium of publication. Web. 29 Sept. 2009. Date of access. Database name in italics.

Article from a MAGAZINE retrieved from a library database

Abbreviate months except May, June, and July.

McAllister, Gwen. "It Started in a Garden." *Time* 22 Sept. 1999:

110-11. *Academic Search Complete*. Web. 29 Sept. 2009.