Library Research Assignment

* For this assignment you will be applying what you’ve learned from this module on locating support materials for your speeches. You will be using the online library through HACC for this assignment. You will need to locate the library guide for our class by clicking on the link provided in this module or by going to hacc.edu, click library, scroll down to lib guides/click, then search my last name Dosch. You will see our COMM101 Lib Guide and click on it.

* Please answer the following questions and submit your answer sheet to the assignment dropbox.

1. What can you find in the Getting Started tab of our lib guide? Please watch the video and provide an explanation of why we use library databases?

2. Under the Articles tab please locate the online Encyclopedias and Dictionaries section. Click on one of the databases and do a quick search on any topic. Please write what topic your researched, what database you used, and what type of information you found using this database.

3. Under the Articles tab using the same topic you used in the previous question, find Academic Search Complete. Do a search of your topic using the “key word” search function. How many articles did you find? Now filter your results to just journals. Did that narrow down your search results?

4. Under the Articles tab click on the Opposing Viewpoints database. What kinds of sources can you find here? For what speech do you think this database will be most useful?

5. In a few sentences explain the difference between scholarly and popular sources? Please reference the Scholarly or Popular tab to find your answer.

6. When using databases, one of the AMAZING parts is that you can gather information across several mediums in one place! (magazines, books, journals, podcasts, encyclopedias etc.) Tell me the different mediums you can find by researching your topic in EITHER the ProQuest OR Academic Search Complete Database under the Articles tab. Please list the different types (mediums) of sources you find. *Hint: they are usually listed on the left side column and you can filter your results based on the type of source you want.

7. How can using a Google Advanced Search Page help when researching your topic through Google?

8. We will use MLA/APA style for citing sources in your works cited page for this class. For this exercise we will focus on MLA. Please find the Valencia College: MLA Style
for Electronic Sources in the MLA Citation tab of our lib guide. Under Library Database choose Academic Search Complete. What did you find? Will this be helpful when you are citing sources in a works cited page?

9. When evaluating sources, you should use the CRAAP test. What does CRAAP stand for?

10. Using what you’ve learned about evaluating sources, please visit the Library Research HELP! discussion in D2L and in a new thread tell me and our librarian, Andrea, if you would use the following source in your speech:

https://www.beefitswhatsfordinner.com/nutrition

Explain your answer. Then reply to ONE other student’s discussion post.

To assist you in creating your discussion post, please complete the CRAAP Test table on the last page of this document. It will help you think critically about each step and guide you in creating a thoughtful discussion post.

*NOTE: This will not be graded as a “Graded Discussion.”* The grade will be part of this assignment, so you do not need to post by Thursday like a regular graded discussion. Please complete the discussion post and reply by Sunday of this week.

**Rate the source using the criteria below and the following scale. Be sure to support your score. Use this information to compose your discussion post.**

1 = not ideal  
2 = acceptable 
3 = good 
4 = excellent
### Name of website:

URL:  
https://www.beefitswhatsfordinner.com/nutrition

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### Currency: the timeliness of the information
- When was the information published or posted?
- Has the information been revised or updated?
- Is the information current or out-of-date for your topic?
- Are the links functional?

### Relevance: the importance of the information for your needs
- Does the information relate to your topic or answer your question?
- Who is the intended audience?
- Is the information at an appropriate level?
- Have you looked at a variety of sources before choosing this one? Would you be comfortable using this source for a research paper?

### Authority: the source of the information
- Who is the author/publisher/source/sponsor?
- Are the author’s credentials or organizational affiliations given?
- What are the author’s credentials or organizational affiliations?
- Is there contact information, such as a publisher or e-mail address?
- Does the URL reveal anything about the author or source?

### Accuracy: the reliability, truthfulness, and correctness of the content
- Where does the information come from?
- Is the information supported by evidence?
- Has the information been reviewed or referenced?
- Can you verify any of the information in another source?
- Does the language or tone seem biased and free of emotion?
- Are there spelling, grammar, or other typographical errors?
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