Preview Assessment: Library Resources Practice Exercise

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Instructions Read through each question carefully. Select the USF resource(s) you think will be the most appropriate for the question and conduct a search for the answer. For each question, include 1) the answer to the question; 2) the resource(s) you used to find the answer; and 3) the search strategies you used. Don't take the easy way out and go directly to Google or Wikipedia. This practice exercise is intended to get you using databases and catalogs. This exercise is designed to measure your comfort level with the USF Libraries resources. It will also help identify specific areas for us to focus on during the semester.

NOTE: It will be not graded, though you will receive feedback on it. It will also appear in your grades as completed or not completed.

Question 1: Find five scholarly articles on test anxiety among college students.

Method – Advanced Search for Articles
Search Terms: "College Students" AND "Test Anxiety"
Limited to: Peer Reviewed and Full Text


Question 2: In what library can you find an edition of "Gawain and the Green Knight" edited by Richard Morris and published in 1897? (HINT: It's not in any of the Florida university libraries.)

Method – Utilize the WorldCat database
Search Terms: "Morris" (Keyword) AND "Gawain and the Green Night" (Title) AND "1897" (Year)
Limited to: Peer Reviewed and Full Text

Then, click on "Libraries Worldwide"

It is available from the California Institute of Technology, Syracuse University, and University of Oregon, among others.
Question 3: Find a list of books written by Barbara Kingsolver and three current articles written about her books.

Written by Barbara Kingsolver
Book Search for “Barbara Kingsolver”


Written about Barbara Kingsolver – Boolean search for articles with search term “Barbara Kingsolver”

Method – Advanced Search for Articles
Search Terms: “Barbara Kingsolver”
Limited to: Peer Reviewed and Full Text


Question 4: I need an article in English about Antonio Magliabechi. Does the USF Library have one? By the way, he's an early librarian.

Method – Advanced Search for Articles
Search Terms: “Antonio Maliabechi”
Limited to: Peer Reviewed, Full Text, and English


Question 5: Find a print map of Florida published between 1895 and 1900.

Method – Subject Search for Maps and Florida

Question 6: Is there an electronic full-text copy of *Sacred Stacks* available? If so, how can I view it?

Yes, conduct a book search for *Sacred Stacks*. Under the first selection, it is available online through EBSCOhost eBook Collection. Click on the link, “USF ONLINE ACCESS” and enjoy.

Question 7: What was the main headline from the April 15, 1912 *New York Times*?

Find *New York Times* database, and conduct an advanced search for publication date April 15, 1912. Then look for an article on page 1. The main headline was “New Liner Titanic Hits an Iceberg.”