

Frontiers in Biology 20 Name _____

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Finding Magazine and Newspaper Articles Worksheet



The Topic Question I am researching is: _____



List the Key Search Words and Synonyms from your topic question:



To find articles on your topic follow these steps.

- Go to the COS Library Website Electronic Resources Page at: <http://www.cos.cc.ca.us/library/electronic.htm>
- Select at least 2 DATABASES to research for articles.
- Locate at least 1 article from each of the 2 databases pertaining to your research topic and cite them in MLA Format. If you are not able to find articles in one database try another.
- E-mail a copy of each article to yourself and attach a paper copy of each article to this worksheet.
- Complete all questions on worksheet.

Magazines and Journals from Online Databases

See examples on the next page.

General MLA Guidelines: To cite online material that you derive from a service to which a library subscribes include the:

- (1) author, (last name, first)
- (2) title of the article in quotation marks,
- (3) title of the periodical underlined,
- (4) volume and issue number or other identifying number,
- (5) date of publication in parenthesis and
- (6) pages,

- (7) name of the online service underlined,
- (8) the library providing access to the database, and the
- (9) date you accessed it,
- (10) if you know the URL of the service's home page, give it, in angle brackets, immediately after the date of access

Example Citation:

Schechter, Alan N. "Sickle cell anemia therapy: progress since Pauling." Science 287:5453 (2000) 592+. InfoTrac. College of the Sequoias Library, Visalia, Calif., 3 April 2002 <<http://galegroup.com/>>

Newspapers from Online Databases

Basic Citation Format:

Author name (if available). "Article Title." Newspaper Title Date, edition, section (if available): page (or number of paragraphs if unavailable). Database Name. School or Library name, City, State. Date Accessed. <<http://infoweb.newsbank.com>>.

Example Citation:

Arax, Mark. "Water Deal Splits San Joaquin Valley." Los Angeles Times 29 July 1997, Home ed., Main News sec.:A-3. NewsBank Infoweb. College of the Sequoias Library, Visalia, CA. 12 Oct. 1999. <<http://infoweb.newsbank.com/>>

No Author Listed - Example Citation:

"Great Public Places." Los Angeles Times 13 Aug, 1995, Home ed., Travel sec.:L-3. NewsBank Infoweb. College of the Sequoias Library, Visalia, CA 12 Oct. 1999 <<http://infoweb.newsbank.com/>>

Do not include phrases like "Example Citation" when you write your citation.

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS FOR EACH DATABASE.

Database One

1. What is the name of the Database?
2. How far back in time does the database search?
3. What does the database default to searching - keyword, subject heading or something else (please explain)?
4. Using the keyword list you have developed locate an article on your poster topic and cite it here in MLA Format.

5. Justify the selection of the article you chose by answering the following questions about your choice.

A. What useful information did you learn by reading the article?

B. How will you use this information in your poster project?

6. Print the article that you selected and attach it to the worksheet.

7. E-mail a copy of the article to your self by entering your e-mail address in the space provided in the article.



Database Two

1. What is the name of the Database

2. How far back in time does the database search?

3. What does the database default to searching, keyword, subject heading or something else (please explain)?

4. Using the keyword list you have developed locate an article on your research topic and cite it here in MLA Format.

5. Justify the selection of the article you chose by answering the following questions about your choice.

A. What useful information did you learn by reading the article?

B. How will you use this information in your research project?

6. Print the article that you selected and attach it to the worksheet.

7. E-mail a copy of the article to your self by entering your e-mail address in the space provided in the article.

Which of the Databases do you like best, and why?

Which seemed to work best keyword or subject guide searching and why?