Topic Selection and Search Strategies

First, Review

Make sure to read and watch the assigned reading and videos for these topics:

- **Identify an Information Need and Start Broad (https://fullcoll.instructure.com/courses/49195/pages/determine-your-information-need-and-start-broad)**
- **Conducting Background Research: The Presearch Process (https://fullcoll.instructure.com/courses/49195/pages/conducting-background-research-the-presearch-process)**
- **Research Questions (https://fullcoll.instructure.com/courses/49195/pages/creating-research-questions)**

Next, Create A Research Strategy

Choose a topic. It can be any topic as long as:

1. You find it interesting enough to work on for several assignments.
2. It does not rely on interviews, original unpublished research or primary sources.
3. It is a topic that has **scholarly articles** written about it, **books** written about it, and c**redible websites** that discuss it

If you need help selecting a topic that meets these criteria, please reach out to me or take advantage of our **Book a Librarian (https://fullcoll.libcal.com/appointments)** service. Think of this step as the first one if you were going to write an informative essay. You will not be taking a position or arguing a point in a paper. Your goal is to simply gather information about your topic.

Assignment Steps:

1. Write **2-3 possible research questions** that relate to your topic. Condensing a topic into a research questions can help you narrow down to some possible search terms or ideas you want to explore first.
2. Write **a 100-word paragraph** that addresses these questions: 1) why you are interested in the topic, 2) what you already know about the topic, and 3) what you hope to learn about the topic.
3. Do some background research on your topic. You may use **Wikipedia (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main_Page)** or a **digital encyclopedia**

(http://ezproxy.fcclib.nocccd.edu/login?url=http://infotrac.gale.com/itweb/full44847?db=GVRL-0) from the Fullerton College Library (you will need to use your MyGateway ID# and password to login). Write down **a list of 3-5 terms** that are related to your topic. These terms should form the basis of your search criteria in the future.
4. Write down where you did your background research, why you chose this source, and something interesting or unexpected that you discovered about your topic.
5. Where do you expect to find information on your topic? Is it online via Google, in library databases, in books, on YouTube, interviews with experts, or other? Why are you choosing to look there?

This assignment will be graded using a rubric. It is worth 10 points and supports the Instructional Objective:

- Design and implement research strategies that demonstrate information literacy skills.

Points 10
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Sep 17, 2022	Everyone	Sep 11, 2022 at 12am	Oct 23, 2022 at 11:59pm

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Criteria	Ratings			Pts
Topic sentence	**2 pts** **Full Marks** There are 2-3 possible research questions included for the chosen topic. The questions are open-ended and would allow for the development of keywords.	**1 pts** **Insufficient** There is one possible research question for the chosen topic. It is open-ended and would allow for the development of keywords.	**0 pts** **No Marks** There are no research questions or the questions are not open-ended and would not allow for the development of keywords.	2 pts
Paragraph description	**3 pts** **Full Marks** Topic description paragraph describes the topic and fully answers the assigned questions.	**1.5 pts** **Insufficient** Topic description paragraph is not fully developed.	**0 pts** **No Marks** Topic description paragraph is not present.	3 pts
Background research	**3 pts** **Full Marks** Demonstrates a robust exploration of background research on the topic. 3-5 possible search terms are identified. Valid source of background research is identified. Something interesting or unexpected from the background research is discussed.	**1.5 pts** **Insufficient** More background research is needed to fully develop search terms, identify the background source, or discuss something interesting about the topic.	**0 pts** **No Marks** Background research was not attempted on this topic.	3 pts
Research expectations	**2 pts** **Full Marks** Identifies where to look for sources and discusses why those tools may be a good place to look.	**1 pts** **Insufficient** The discussion of where to look for sources and why is incomplete.	**0 pts** **No Marks** Discussion is not present.	2 pts
				Total Points: 10