

## LIBR 100

### FINAL ASSIGNMENT (20 POINTS)

For this assignment, you will choose a research question, find 2 sources of any kind<sup>1</sup> that help you to answer that question, then describe and reflect upon your research process. It is your choice where and how to search, with some rules listed below. Type your answers to the questions in sections A, B, and C in this document.

**There are a few rules listed below. Read these carefully! You must follow these rules to receive full credit for this assignment.**

- If you're using a research question that you've used for past assignments, don't repeat the same searches that you've done before (For example, don't search the same topic in the same specialized database you used in Module 7).
- Don't use sources you've found for previous assignments.
- **No more than one of the sources can be a scholarly journal article.** If you use a journal article as one source, then the other source has to be of a different type.
- **No more than one of the sources can be found through Hunter Libraries' OneSearch or databases.** Please do at least one search using a web search engine (as covered in Module 9), an open access repository (as covered in Module 10), or a public library catalog or database.

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#### A. Research question

For this assignment, choose a research topic. This could be something you're interested in or something you're working on in another course, or you can use the research topic from your group's scenario or a question from your group brainstorming session (Module 5). **Be sure to be specific, and to phrase it as a question.** For example, "vegetarianism" is too broad of a topic. But "What is the impact of a vegetarian diet on the environment?" is a specific question. Answer the questions below.

1. What is your research question for this assignment?
2. Why did you choose this question?

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<sup>1</sup> Really, anything! Scholarly journal articles, newspaper or magazine articles, books, reference sources like encyclopedias or dictionaries, blog posts, government or organizational websites, videos, images, infographics, social media posts, etc. You may even find a source that you decide you do not trust or is not appropriate for your use, and you can explain how you came to that conclusion.

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## B. Source 1

1. Document your search. What steps did you take? (In other words, where did you search, what keywords did you search for, what filters did you use, if any? Did you use any advanced search features?) Be specific here.
2. Did anything surprise you in this search process? Did you come up against any roadblocks that made you reconsider your strategy?
3. Create a citation for your source, or copy the citation provided.<sup>2</sup> You may use any citation style you like (APA, MLA, CSE, Chicago, etc.). **Check the citation for accuracy and completeness.** Did you need to edit the citation provided? If so, what did you change?
4. What type of source is this? (Remember that “article” is not specific enough here. What type of publication does the article come from? An academic journal? A newspaper? A website?) How did you determine what type of source it is?
5. What steps did you take to evaluate the source? How did you decide you trust it (or don’t trust it)? How did you decide it was appropriate for your purposes (or not appropriate)? Be specific here. (You might use some practices from Module 12, or think about the purpose and audience for which various types of sources are created, as you did in Module 3).

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## C. Source 2

Remember the following rules:

- **No more than one of the sources can be a scholarly journal article.** If you use a journal article as one source, then the other source has to be of a different type.

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<sup>2</sup> If your source is a website, or an article on a website, you will likely need to create your own citation. Here are links to some models. [APA: website citations](#) | [MLA: cite an entire website](#) | [MLA: cite an article on a website](#). If you found another type of source that does not provide a citation, look up how to cite it, using the resources listed in Module 11.

- **No more than one of the sources can be found through Hunter Libraries' OneSearch or databases.** We encourage you to do at least one search using a web search engine (as discussed in Module 9), an open access repository (as discussed in Module 10), or a public library catalog or database.
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  2. Did anything surprise you in this search process? Did you come up against any roadblocks that made you reconsider your strategy?
  3. Create a citation for your source, or copy the citation provided. You may use any citation style you like (APA, MLA, CSE, Chicago, etc.). **Check the citation for accuracy and completeness.** Did you need to edit the citation provided? If so, what did you change?
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