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**Videos for Unit 4: Finding reputable sources**

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1. **Characteristics of popular and scholarly sources**  
Duration: 4:30 min

This video gives a quick overview on how to identify the characteristics of popular and scholarly sources of information.

After watching this video, you will learn how to identify the

* different types of sources used in academic work
* key characteristics and differences between popular and scholarly sources
* appropriate sources to use for your assignment

2. **Types of newspapers and their characteristics**

Duration: 4:22 min

This video gives a quick overview on how to identify the different types of newspapers and the characteristics of different types of newspaper articles.

After watching this video, you will learn

* how to differentiate between a tabloid and a broadsheet and the characteristics of different types of articles within these
* about the importance of ensuring that news articles used in your research are from credible sources
* how newspapers can provide you with background information before you delve deeper into scholarly research

**3. Selecting and evaluating databases**

Duration: 3:06 min

This video gives a quick overview on how to select and evaluate databases for your research.

After watching this video, you will learn

* how to access authoritative sources of information via library-subscribed databases
* about the types of resources that are found in the databases
* the difference between full-text news databases and full-page reproduction news databases which contain both text and images

4. **Search tips**

Duration: 3:35 min

This video takes you through the steps involved in conducting a basic search using boolean operators and how to refine your search.

After watching this video, you will learn

* why precise keyword searching within databases is key to retrieving accurate results for your research topic
* how to apply search tips with identified keywords, concepts and precise terms to develop your search string

5. **Search techniques**

Duration: 3:39 min

This video shows how to identify and use the appropriate search technique to retrieve relevant information for your research topic.

* After watching this video, you will learn about online search strategies such as block building and citation pearl growing, which are techniques that you can use to combine your concepts into one query to search for articles for your research topic.

6. **Filtering features within databases**

Duration: 3:49 min

This video gives a quick overview on how to use filtering features within databases to manage and refine your search results effectively.

After watching this video, you will learn

* how search filters work within OneSearch -- the Library’s catalogue -- and the database Nexis Uni
* how database search filters such as publication date, author, document type and the like can be used to narrow down your search so that the resources retrieved from the databases is limited based on the filters that you select.

**7. News search within Google**

Duration: 7:21 min

This video shows how to use Google to search for news and the limitations of a Google search.

After watching this video, you will learn

* how to retrieve search results for your news topic using Google
* why using Google alone is insufficient to retrieve scholarly materials for your research
* what you should do to extend your search beyond Google

8. **News search with other databases**

Duration: 1:53 min

This video shows how to identify library subscribed news databases to search for news.

After watching this video, you will learn about

* the different types of news databases such as historical and current news databases
* how PressReader, Factiva and Nexis Uni differ from one another in terms of news coverage and format

9. **Search tips for Nexis Uni**

Duration: 4:46 min

This video shows how to apply search tips to perform effective searches in the Nexis Uni database. After watching this video, you will learn

* how to do a basic topic search using exact phrase search and other filters in Nexis Uni to retrieve relevant results for your research topic
* how to use advanced search within Nexis Uni

10. **Finding opinion articles in Nexis Uni**

Duration: 3:07 min

This video shows how to retrieve opinion articles in the news using the Nexis Uni database

After watching this video, you will learn

* what is an opinion article
* why opinion articles are useful for your research topic
* how to use fields and filters within Nexis Uni to retrieve opinion articles

11. **NewspaperSG – an online archive of Singapore’s newspapers**

Duration: 4:34 min

This video gives an overview of the online local news archive, NewspaperSG.

After watching this video, you will learn

* how NewspaperSG differs from other news databases in that it provides localised news in the form of current and historic Singapore and Malaya newspapers in digitised full page reproduction format
* how to search and retrieve news articles using filters within NewspaperSG

**12. Evaluating information sources – *Video forthcoming***

After completing this activity, you can use CRAAP to identify information sources that are valid, useful and accurate for your purpose.