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Activity 1: Research Basics

Finding your research field.

1. Introduction

- i. Prior to joining today's class meeting, did you already select a field or topic to research? If so, did it change during our discussions?
- ii. Which SIG did you join today?

2. SIG (Special Interest Group) Formation "Test Drive" - *this week we're just trying out topics that might be of interest. Join the SIG you are most interested in (or join the "I Don't Know" SIG).*

- i. Was it difficult to find classmates with similar interests? Why do you think that is?
- ii. Does your group (today) have a range of expertise, or is every very experienced (or very new?)?
- iii. What common interests or themes emerged from your initial SIG discussions today?

3. Identifying Your Research Interests

- i. Which handout (flowchart or bingo) was more helpful to identifying fields of potential interest to you? Why?
- ii. Did you find that any fields were missing from the flowchart? If so, list them here.
- iii. Identify 2-3 key words/phrases (from the handouts or your SIG discussions) for topics you might be interested in.

4. Exploring Potential Topics (*part 1*) - *To be continued next week!*

- i. Review the literature provided in class. Find 1 article on a topic relevant to your SIG. 1: Discuss it with your SIG. 2: Write the title & source (magazine name) here.

5. Reminder: *Please note that there is a Quiz 0 on Canvas due by this Saturday.*