Library Databases vs. Google Worksheet
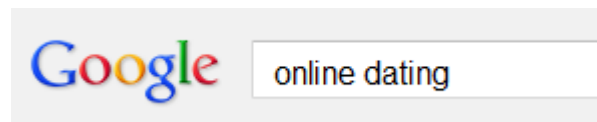
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*Use **Google** and the **MasterFILE Premier** database to search the topic, **online dating** and compare the type of information found on both.*
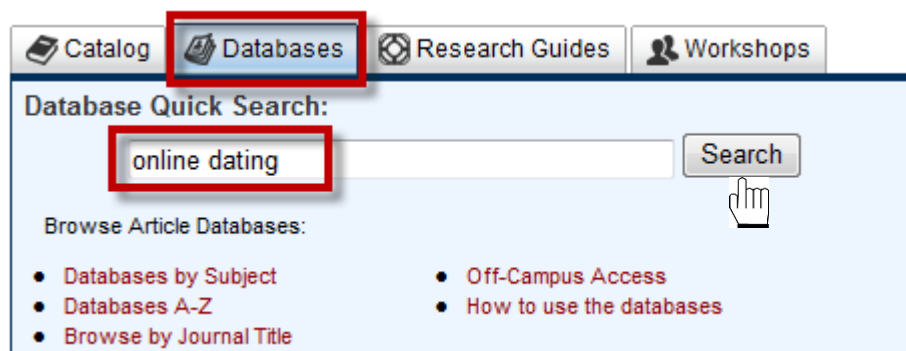
A. Search Google:

1. Go to Google at http://www.google.com.
2. Type **online dating** in the search window. Press the <**Enter**> key or click on the **Google Search** button to execute the search.

3. When the *Google Results* screen appears, **click on the 1st 5 links** from the results and **briefly review the web pages found**.
4. **Print out the 1st page of any web page** from the results you reviewed and **attach it to this worksheet**.

B. Search MasterFILE Premier:

1. From the library's home page at http://library.reynolds.edu, click on the **Databases** tab above the search box. When the *Database Quick Search* box appears, type online dating. Press the <**Enter**> key or click on the **Search** button to execute your search.

2. When the EBSCOhost database search results screen appears (will open in a new window), **click on the first 5 links to briefly review the articles found**.

3. When the full article appears, click on the **Cite** (yellow page icon) from the Tools menu on the right to view the article citation in different style formats (e.g., APA, MLA, etc.)

4. **Print out the 1ˢᵗ page of any article** from the results you reviewed and **attach it to this worksheet**.

C. **Compare Results from Google & MasterFILE Premier**

Answer the following:

1. Which resource includes more search options to retrieve more relevant results? (*Select one*)

     ___ Google   ___ MasterFILE Premier

2. Which resource includes ads and sponsored links? (*Select one*)

     ___ Google   ___ MasterFILE Premier

3. Which resource retrieves more magazine articles? (*Select one*)

     ___ Google   ___ MasterFILE Premier

4. Did any of the web pages you reviewed from your Google results feature an automatic citation tool like the *Cite this Article* tool in MasterFILE Premier? (*Select one*)

     ___ Yes   ___ No

5. Which resource is best for college level research? (*Select One*)

     ___ Google   ___ MasterFILE Premier