

# Searching Periodicals

## Assignment 5

The purpose of this assignment is to give you hands-on practice searching ProQuest, one of the largest tools to search periodicals.

Instructions: You will also be using the ProQuest database which you can access from the [library website](#) under **Find Articles & Other Resources** - Databases by title - P for ProQuest. Perform the searches exactly as described. Be sure to write a detailed response describing your search process. Be sure to only provide citations for FULL-TEXT documents only.

How to turn in this assignment: Answer all the questions thoroughly and submit to me via email (dlaney@lbcc.edu) by midnight of the date due.

MLA Citation format:

Author Last Name, Author First Name. "Title of Article." *Title of Periodical* Volume:Issue (4 digit year of publication): page numbers. *ProQuest Research Library*. ProQuest. Long Beach City Coll. Lib., Long Beach. Access date <<http://www.proquest.com>>.

MLA Citation example:

Marsh, Kelly A.. "Contextualizing Bridget Jones." *College Literature* 31.1 (2004): 52-72. *ProQuest Research Library*. ProQuest. Long Beach City Coll. Lib., Long Beach. 18 November 2007. <<http://www.proquest.com>>.

- 1) Using the ProQuest database, find the article title Reference into the Future. Provide a citation for this article using the example provided. Describe your search.
- 2) Using the ProQuest database, find two full-text articles relating to the concept of **Social Networks** and **Web sites**. Pick the most relevant articles to our topic. Be sure that full-text articles are chosen, not just abstracts. Provide a citation for both articles using the example provided. Describe your search in detail.
- 3) Do an advanced search in the ProQuest database for articles containing **Cyberbullying** in the title that were published within the past 12 months. How many documents showed up in your search? Provide a citation for the most recent article. Describe your search process. Be specific.
- 4) Using the ProQuest database, locate 2 full-text articles related to the subject **Digital Libraries**. Your sources should be relevant to U.S. libraries, and contain recent information. Evaluate your results. Pretend you are doing research on the idea of a digital library and you want to find some general information on what they are. Provide citations for both articles. Describe your search process and why you chose these three articles.

5) Using the ProQuest database, click on the Publications tab to perform a search for **Newsweek**. What type of periodical is Newsweek? Choose an article from the most recent issue of Newsweek and provide a citation for it. Describe your search process.

6) In ProQuest, click on the TOPICS tab. Search for your research topic. Look at the suggestions in the Narrow your results section and list the suggestions (if any). Fine tune your topic until you reach a reasonable amount of hits. You can refine based on date, subject, or type of publication. Describe your search process (including words searched for) and comment on your results. Did you find anything useful for your research topic?