



Guided Learning Worksheet

Module Three: Information Literacy

This worksheet will guide your learning throughout the module. Here, you will record:

- Personal responses to prompts given in the module
- Ideas, questions, or concerns you have about the content
- Answers to questions posed to you in the module

Section One: Exploring Sources

Types of Sources – Infographic

1. Read through the infographic. This is a list of some of the possible sources, but the list is not exhaustive. What other types of sources do you use in your life that are not included here? Would you consider them appropriate for research?

Scholarly and Popular Sources – Video

2. How are decisions generally made in popular sources?

3. What are some tips to help spot a scholarly source?

Primary and Secondary Sources - Video

4. What is an example of a primary source? (Can be from the video or your own idea)



5. What is an example of a secondary source? (Can be from the video or your own idea)

The Peer-Review Process – Video

6. After watching this video and thinking a bit about peer-review, why do you think you are asked to use peer-reviewed articles in your work at university?

Section Two: Finding Resources

Library home page

7. Why might you want to start with a search in Summon, rather than in Books and Media or Indexes and Databases?

Search in Summon

8. Try using the example: fracking AND “climate change” AND effects AND “British Columbia,” first with, and then without using quotation marks around phrases. How does it affect your results?



What about Google?

9. Open two internet browser windows side by side. In one window, open Summon. In the other window, open a free search engine. Try the sample search: fracking AND "climate change" AND effects AND "British Columbia." What are some differences you notice about the format of the two search results lists?

Section Three: Citation

Why and when we cite

10. Give two reasons that describe why academics use citation.

When is my idea my own?

11. Why is it plagiarism when you claim that you came up with the idea that the tortoise can outrun the cheetah?