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ENGL 102  
Library Research Workshop

**ENGL 102 Library Research Guide**

[http://libresources.wichita.edu/engl102](http://libraries.wichita.edu/subsplus/subjects/ENGL102)

**Blog Post Assignment Instructions**

*Posting your Answers* (**8 pts**)

1. Go to the 102 library blog: [**http://wsulibraries102.wordpress.com**](http://wsulibraries102.wordpress.com)

2. Find the post with your instructor’s last name and the days/time of your class and click on the heading (ex. **Wirtz MW 9:30**).

3. Scroll down to the bottom of the page where it says “Submit Your Answers.”

4. Type in your answers, numbering each answer (1-6). You can also copy and paste your answers from a Word or text file.

5. Be sure to put your name on your reply so that we can give you a grade!

6. Before posting your reply, check the box “notify me of follow-up comments via email” so that you can read comments and suggestions from the librarian and other students in your class. Click the “post comment” button to post your response.

*Responding to a Post* (**2 pts**)

1. You will also need to comment on at least one other person in your class’s response.
2. Choose a response, and hit the blue “Reply” button underneath their response. Write a sentence or two about something surprising or interesting about their research experience - your comment should be more than just “good job.” Please be respectful and write an appropriate and well thought-out comment.
3. Hit the “post comment” button to post your reply.

*Due Date*

**2 days** after Library Research Workshop (check with instructor)

**Questions? Contact Your Librarian!**

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**Questions to Answer**

1. What is your topic?

2. Which database(s) did you decide to use to search for articles? Why did you make this choice?

3. Write the keywords you used to search for articles in the database.

4. Provide the citation in MLA format for one of the articles you think will be useful for your essay.

5. Why did you choose the article listed above? How is relevant to your topic? Your answer should include an evaluation of the source (hint: think about the criteria on the CAARP test).

6. What are some strategies for revising your search to find additional articles?

7. How might the results from your new search be different than your first search?

Don’t forget to submit your answers on the blog!

<http://wsulibraries102.wordpress.com>

**Grading Rubric**

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|  | **Novice (0)** | **Developing (1)** | **Accomplished (2)** | **Score** |
| **Completion of Blog Assignment** | Does not complete any of the questions on the blog. | Partially completes the questions on the blog. | Fully completes the questions, showing proficiency with the blog format. |  |
| **Selection of Database** | Does not choose an appropriate database for the topic/information need. | Chooses an appropriate database for the topic/information need, but does not explain why it was chosen. | Chooses an appropriate database for the topic/information need and provides an explanation on why the tool was chosen. |  |
| **Evaluation of Sources** | Does not provide an evaluation of the article chosen. | Provides an evaluation of the article chosen, but does not comment on relevance to the topic. | Thoroughly evaluates the article chosen, and comments on the relevance to the topic. |  |
| **Reflection on the Search Process** | Does not reflect on strategies for revising a search. | Lists other database(s) or keyword(s) to search, but does not reflect on how this might change the results. | Gives options for revising their search, and reflects on how this might change the results. |  |
| **Response to Another Student** | Does not comment on another student’s response. | Comments on a response, but comment is brief and lacks depth. | Provides a thoughtful 1-2 sentence comment showing critical thinking. |  |
| ***Total Score*** |  |  |  |  |