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Advanced Research Worksheet

1. What is your **Focused or Thesis Statement** for this assignment:

List Keywords or Phrases you can use to search:

- _____
- _____
- _____

Why did you choose this topic? _____

Did you research your topic before you decided on it? Circle **YES** or **No**. If **YES** where did you search?

2. **Background Information.** Find three sources (in print or from online reference sources) related to your topic.

Author	Title	Call Number or Database
1.		
2.		
3.		

3. Use Voyager: Find books, ebooks, or audiovisual materials. Search Voyager to locate material to support your focused statement.

Author	Title	Place, Publisher, Year

4. Use Journals and Newspapers. Search the library databases to find journal/newspaper articles relevant to your focused statement. Remember, most of the library databases will format the citation for the article. If you choose to use that citation, **double check all elements** according to the appropriate citation style guide, i.e. MLA or APA style. Or use **EasyBib** to help format the citations.

Article Title & Author	Journal Information	Database

Have you discovered more **keywords**? If so, write them down:

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Remember to combine terms with **AND, OR, and NOT** for more effective searches.

Use “ ” (**quotation marks**) to search for phrases, i.e. “gone with the wind” or “white elephant sale”.

5. Evaluate Websites. If you searched the Internet for sources for your focused statement, why did you choose the websites you think support your topic? List a few of the reasons.

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Select one of the websites you found, not a library database, to use as support for this assignment.

Title of Web Page	Authorship	URL

Answer these questions:

A. Why is **Accuracy** important? _____

B.. What does **Authority** mean in regard to a webpage? _____

C. How can you tell if a web page is **Objective**? _____

D. Why should the **Currency** of a web page be important? _____

E. What difference does it make if you find a web page who's **Audience** is intended for Children, Cancer Patients, or Star Trek Fans? _____

6. What is **Plagiarism**? _____

_____.

Why is avoiding plagiarism so important? _____

_____.

What is **Academic Integrity**? _____

_____.

What is the difference between **Plagiarism** and **Cheating**? _____

_____.

Below is an excerpt from *CQ Researcher*. Read the passage and answer the following questions.

Mantel, Barbara. "Future of Libraries." *CQ Researcher* 29 July 2011: 625-52. Web. 15 Aug. 2011.

A rising number of people are asking librarians for help with job searches, résumé writing and applications for unemployment benefits, Caplan says. People who can no longer afford to buy or rent DVDs or purchase books are now borrowing them from the library. Parents who used to take their kids to the movies are bringing them to free library programs instead. But many politicians, Caplan says, just don't understand how "people depend on us more than ever."

Chris Hoene, director of research at the National League of Cities, which advocates in behalf of municipal leaders, disagrees. "I think it is increasingly recognized that libraries are workforce centers, provide after-school care and are quasi-community centers, but the reality also is that the declines in local revenues are deep," says Hoene, "and it may be another year or two before we see the curve change." Cities rely heavily on revenue from property taxes; a little more than half also have a local sales tax, and about 13 percent of cities have a local income tax, says Hoene. All three sources have been hit hard.

What do you do?

1. If you copied and pasted this sentence into your document: **People who can no longer afford to buy or rent DVDs or purchase books are now borrowing them from the library.** Should you or should you not put quotes around it? _____. Should you or should you not include a parenthetical notation and include a citation for the whole article in your Works Cited page? _____

OR would you copy the statement and not cite it? _____

2. If you state that "**about 13 percent of cities have a local income tax**" who do you give the credit to saying it?

Choose the best answer:

___A. I will just slide that number in without documentation. It will take too long to include the documentation.

___B. I include the figure and cite it came from CQ Researcher, and list the URL as the source.

___C. I copy and paste the quote, and include a statement that it came from Chris Hoene, the director of research at the National League of Cities as saying it, and document it from *CQ Researcher*, with Barbara Mantel as the author of the *CQ Researcher* article.

Why? Explain your answer _____

7. Cite Sources. Take one of the sources that you have listed from **Section #4** on this worksheet and correctly format the citation according to the MLA style for your **Works Cited**.

