Conducting Library Research: The Road to Scholarship

Conducting scholarly research takes time, patience and thought. Be prepared to explore new resources and develop new research strategies and techniques to help you along the way, especially if you’re researching a field that is new to you. Use this handout as a checklist to help you stay on task.

Research Topic (brief overview, narrowed as much as you can):

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Research Question (write topic as a single research question—this will help as you research to answer it):

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List the Databases searched to find scholarly articles, magazines, newspapers and electronic reference sources, i.e., subject specific dictionaries and encyclopedias, etc.):

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List the keywords and subject terms used in searching the databases and library catalog:

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Did you use SUMMON?  Yes or No.  If No, why not?

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Did you use resources not connected to the Connelly Library  Yes or No.  If Yes, name the resources?

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Write out the search strategy. These are the keywords or terms used to search the database(s):

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Name a new research strategy or resource you learned about during this process:

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Identify any problems you encountered in connection with this research assignment and contact a Connelly Library reference librarian:

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