Notes and Assignment Sheet for LART1010 Library Instruction

Step 1: go to https://tinyurl.com/Lart1020
Step 2: You cannot edit this document. Instead go to File > Make a Copy. (Must be signed in to Ravenmail/Gmail). On your personal copy you can take notes and fill in more information.

Lib Instruction Survey: https://tinyurl.com/libfall23

Be prepared to share with class on Thursday how this process went for you.

Name:

PART 1: Building Research Questions and Developing Search Strategies

Think of a search topic with at least two variables, write it as a question.

Example: What strategies for local groups are effective in reducing community food scarcity?

If you are struggling with this, start with one issue (example: Income Inequality) and add one narrowing issue (example: policies) and one or more narrowing people group, race, gender, age, occupation, geographic region (example: developed countries)

Add those together:

What are the key drivers of income inequality in developed countries, and how can policies address this issue?

My Research Question:

Take out the keywords and phrases from the sentence. Think primarily about the issues and people groups.

example: Income inequality, Developed Countries, Key Drivers, Policies

My Keywords:

Think of some alternative synonyms for those two keywords/phrases. Maybe include one term of similar scope, one of broader or more narrow scope. The idea isn't just to think of words that mean the exact same thing, but rather think of alternate terms that might lead us to helpful information about our research area.

Example: Income inequality, income disparity, wealth gap, wealth inequality; Developed countries, industrialized nations, advanced economies; Policies, strategies, government intervention

My Alt Terms:

Search Strategy. How might you group those keywords into a search? Remember to put OR between LIKE terms, and AND between groups of UNLIKE terms. By using this type of strategy I can find sources that otherwise I wouldn’t… Maybe one article about Faith/Teen/Women/Recidivism and another about Christian/youth/females/reoffenders.

Example: (Income inequality OR income disparity OR wealth gap OR wealth inequality) AND (developed countries OR industrialized nations OR advanced economies) AND (policies OR strategies OR government intervention)

My Search Strategy:
**Compartmentalize Keyword groups and Synthesizing Sources.** Sometimes when you have a complex Research Question with 3 or four variables, you can’t find a lot of sources that touch on each part of your RQ. That's actually good! That means your topic is new and probably pretty interesting. Now it is up to you to break up your Keyword groupings and find Resource that contain PART of your question, but not all. But then when you write your paper, you pull from different kinds of information and make something new and original.

*Example:* One source on income inequality and developed countries: *(income inequality OR income disparity OR wealth gap or wealth inequality) AND (developed countries OR industrialized nations OR advanced economies)*

One source on policies to combat income inequality: *(income inequality OR income disparity OR wealth gap or wealth inequality) AND (policies OR strategies OR government intervention)*

One source for income inequality in developed countries: *(income inequality OR income disparity OR wealth gap or wealth inequality) AND (key drivers OR causes)*

**My Groupings:**

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**PART 2: Database Searching and choosing good supporting Resources**

Start Here: [Library.Anderson.edu](http://Library.Anderson.edu)

Try a general or multidisciplinary database, and a discipline-specific database.

**List two databases** in which to try your search strategy.

1. Database:

2. Database:

**Describe the process.** How many results did you get? How did you adjust your terms? What limiters did you try? Did the results list seem to match your search goal? Did you find an article to save or use?

1. Search strategies and results:

2. Search strategies and results:

**Links and Citations of two articles.** Include an MLA or APA citation, and a record Permalink for two articles that you can then mention in class on Thursday.

1. Article:

2. Article: