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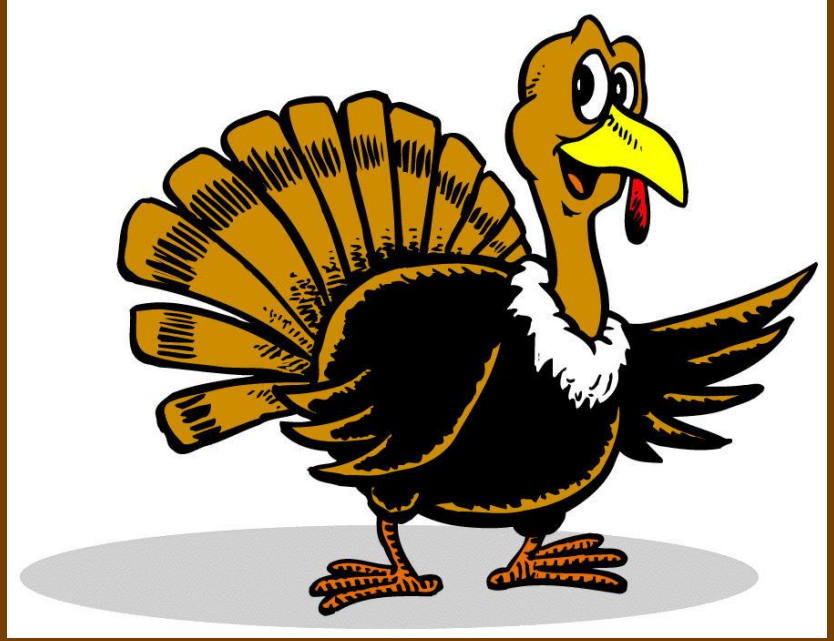

Source Evaluation and the Alabama Virtual Library

2 Day Outline (Day 1)

Start with a small search activity

How many Smith counties are there in the USA?

2 Day Outline (Day 1)

Introduction of purpose/new expectations/CRAAP Test (30 minutes/interactive)

2 Day Outline (Day 1)

Twitter verification activities

EN 112 – Library Orientation 1

Name(s): _____

News: The Yumbo isn't really a sandwich from the 1970s

True or Not? Check the validity of these posts. Are they true, false, or a mixture of both? Why? Apply the CRAAP test as needed.

Your conclusion, and why?

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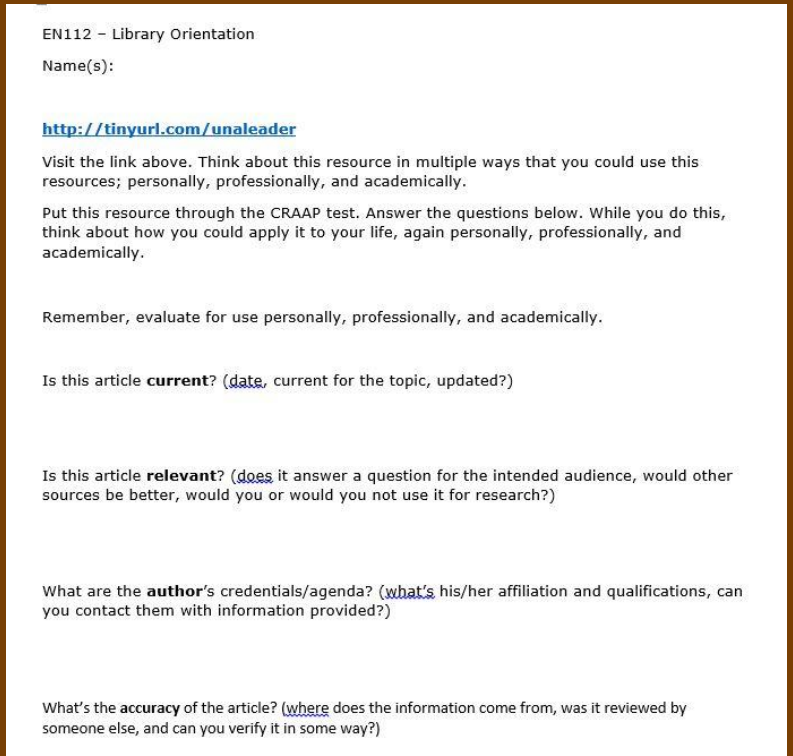
Analyzing news for personal, professional, academic life

Applying CRAAP Test



EN112 – Library Orientation

Name(s):

http://tinyurl.com/unaleader

Visit the link above. Think about this resource in multiple ways that you could use this resources; personally, professionally, and academically.

Put this resource through the CRAAP test. Answer the questions below. While you do this, think about how you could apply it to your life, again personally, professionally, and academically.

Remember, evaluate for use personally, professionally, and academically.

Is this article **current**? (date, current for the topic, updated?)

Is this article **relevant**? (does it answer a question for the intended audience, would other sources be better, would you or would you not use it for research?)

What are the **author**'s credentials/agenda? (what's his/her affiliation and qualifications, can you contact them with information provided?)

What's the **accuracy** of the article? (where does the information come from, was it reviewed by someone else, and can you verify it in some way?)

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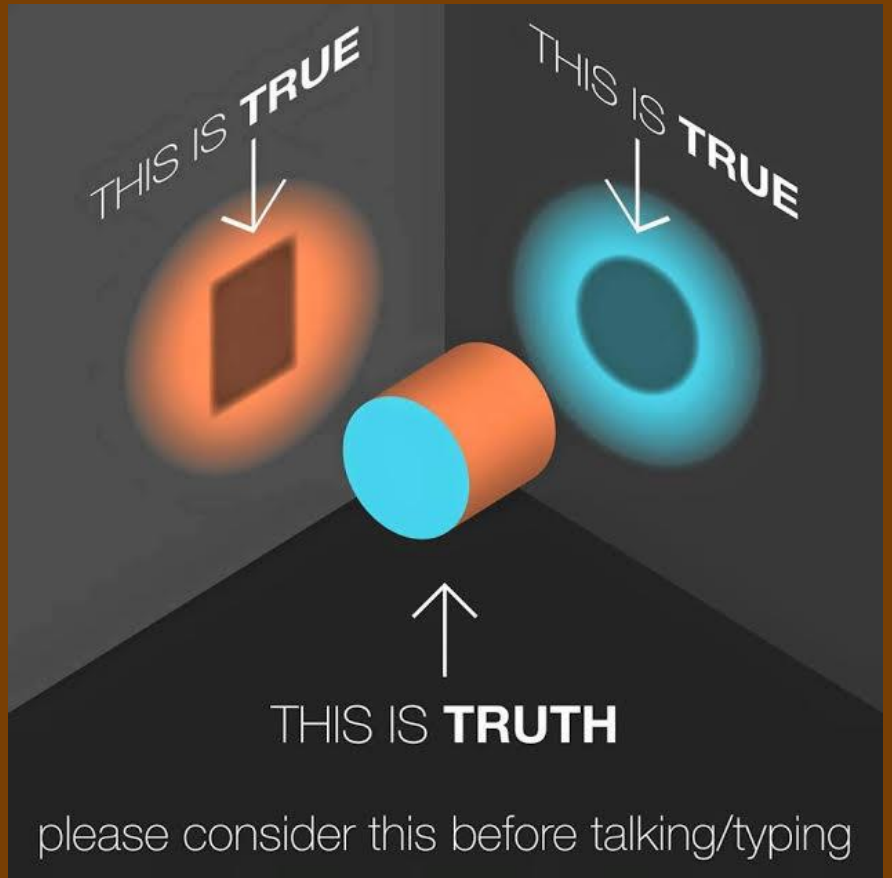
Quality evaluation



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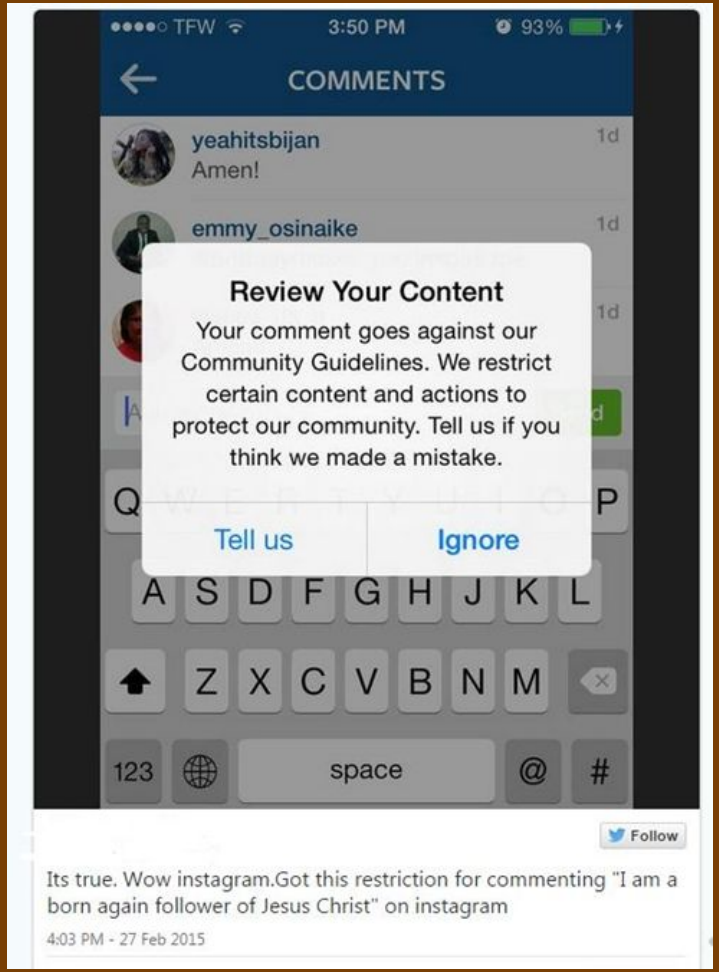
Review/Quick Verification Activity



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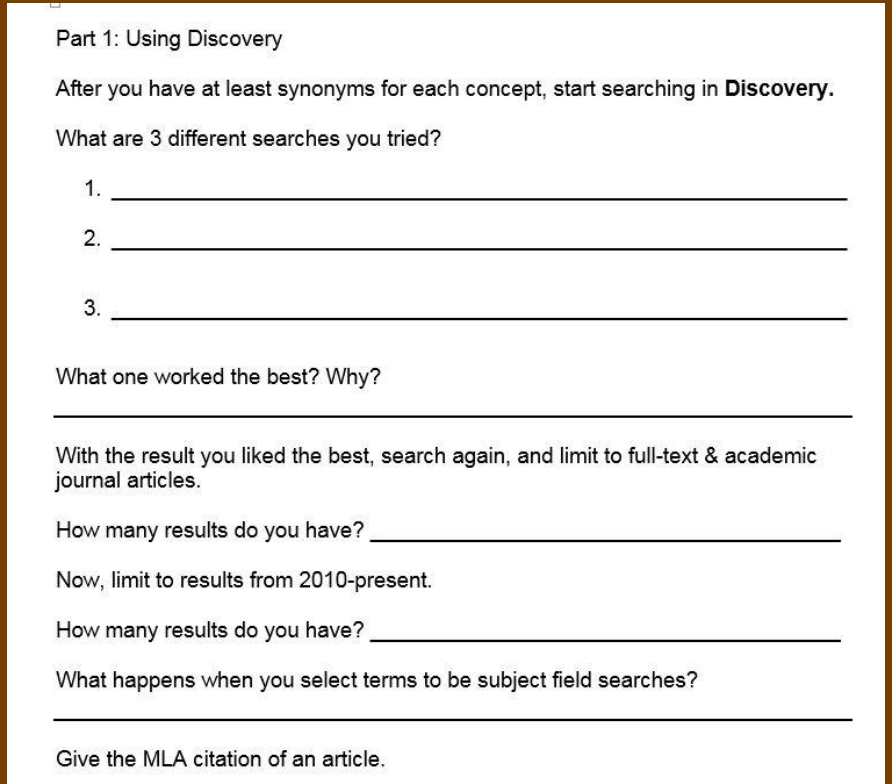
Building a research question

2 Day Outline (Day 2)
Using a research question activity



Part 1: Using Discovery

After you have at least synonyms for each concept, start searching in **Discovery.**

What are 3 different searches you tried?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

What one worked the best? Why?

_____

With the result you liked the best, search again, and limit to full-text & academic journal articles.

How many results do you have? _____

Now, limit to results from 2010-present.

How many results do you have? _____

What happens when you select terms to be subject field searches?

_____

Give the MLA citation of an article.

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Questions/Discussion

It’s not about the database

Source Evaluation

Current?

Analysis of current song

Current is based on the assignment

Relevant

Again, based on the assignment

Doing a paper about basketball…..

Authority

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FEELS LIKE 2X MORE HAIR*
NEW
VOLUME FILLER
Thickening shampoo
OUR FIRST HAIRCARE SYSTEM TO ACTUALLY INCREASE THE DIAMETER OF HAIR*
An incredible transformation awaits fine, thin hair.
New Volume Filler with Filloxane penetrates instantly.
So hair feels twice as full, twice as thick.
A transformation that lasts.**
The science behind extraordinary hair.
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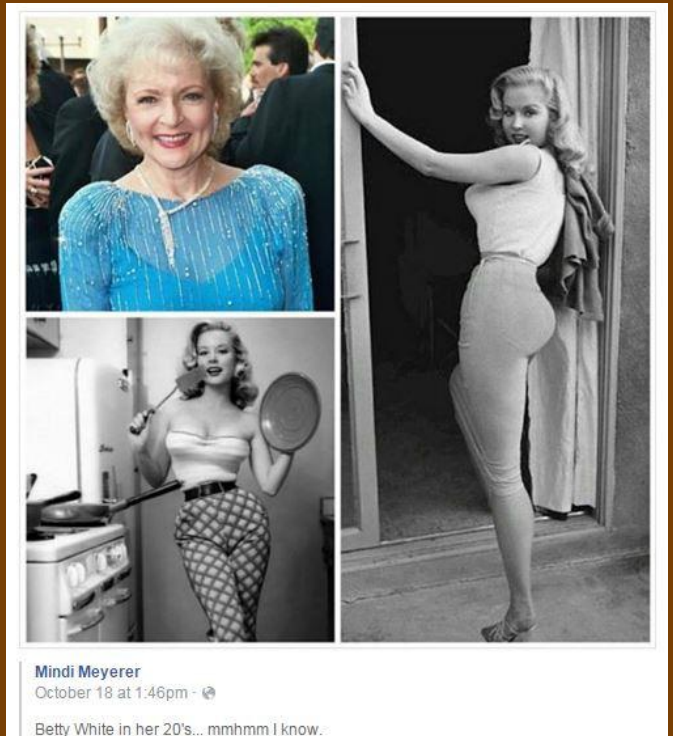
Accuracy

Where does it come from/can you verify?



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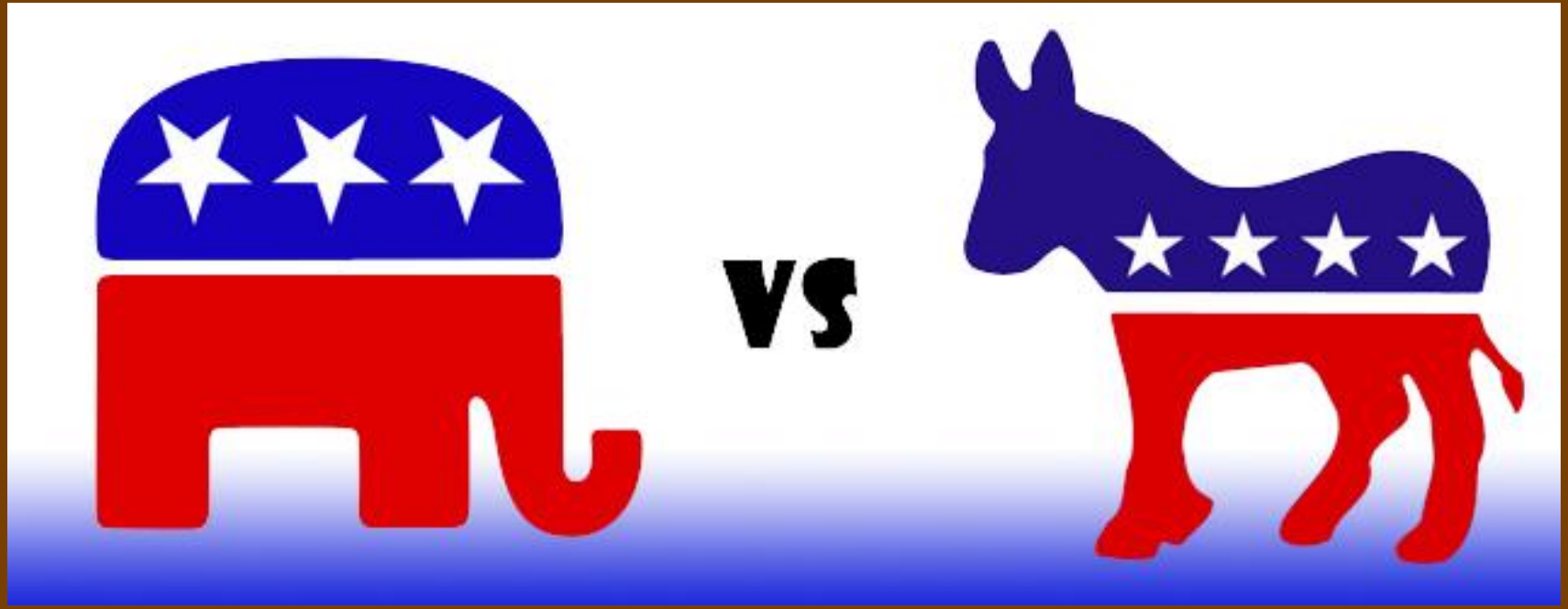

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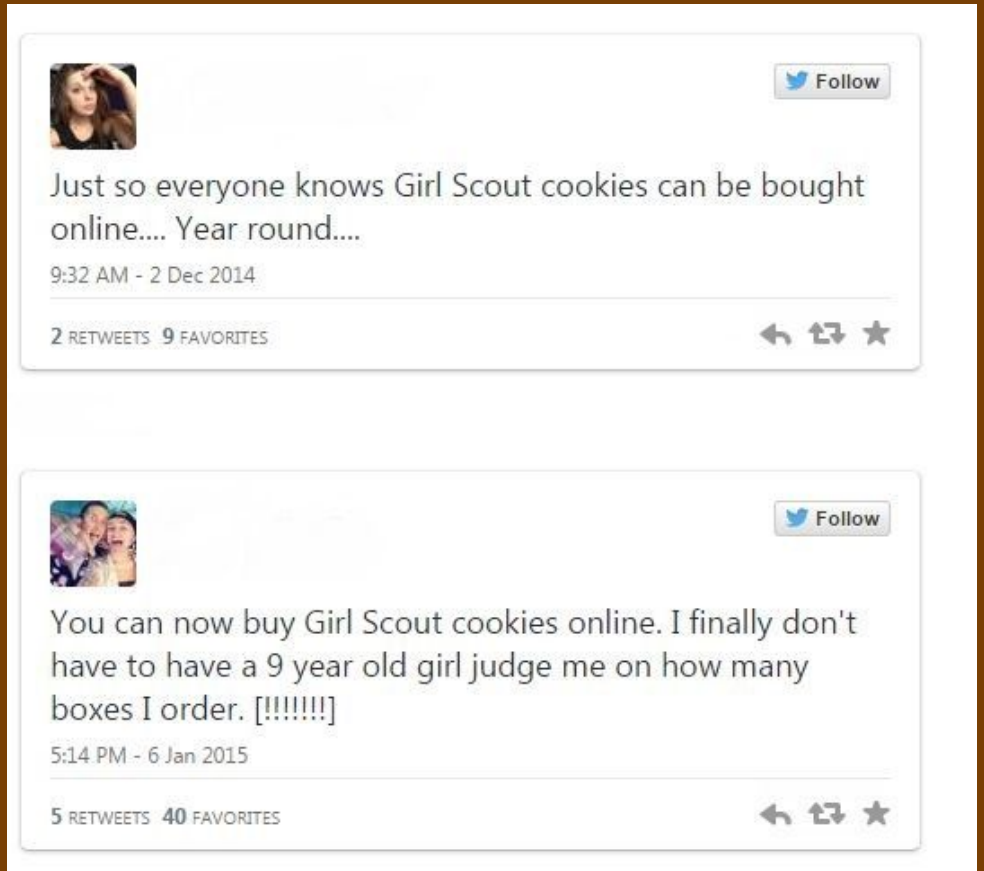

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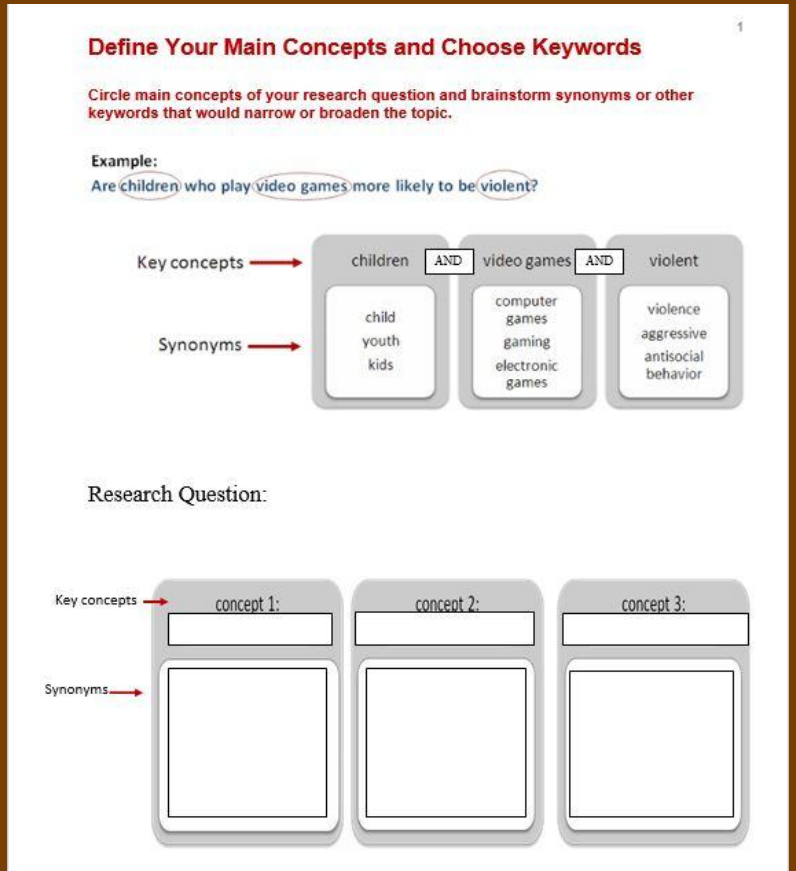

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Define Your Main Concepts and Choose Keywords

Circle main concepts of your research question and brainstorm synonyms or other keywords that would narrow or broaden the topic.

Example:

Are children who play video games more likely to be violent?

Key concepts →	children	AND	video games	AND	violent
Synonyms →	child youth kids		computer games gaming electronic games		violence aggressive antisocial behavior

Research Question:

Key concepts →	concept 1:	concept 2:	concept 3:
Synonyms →			

In verification and in searching, we ask a question

How has the iPhone impacted education in the USA?

In verification and in searching, we ask a question

iPhone	education	United States
smart phone smart device	learning teaching	

Then, we search

Where?

and verify

and verify

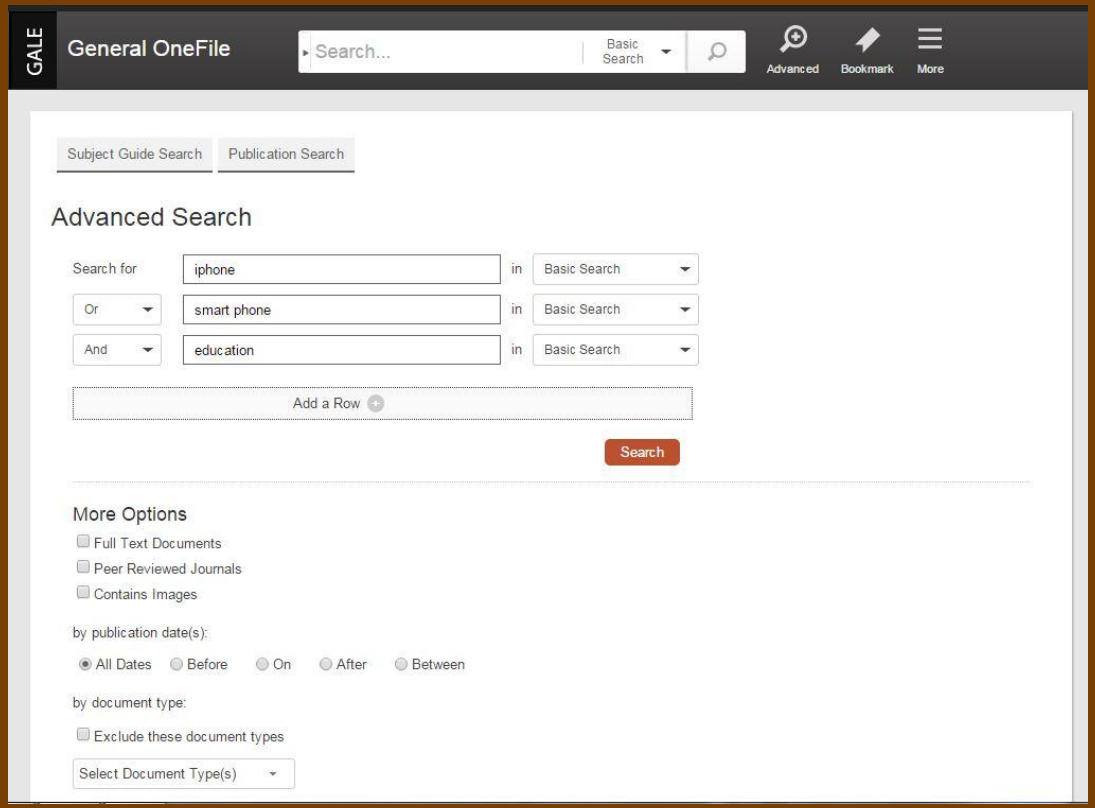
and verify

and search

What are we searching?

iPhone	education	United States
smart phone smart device	learning teaching	

and search (General OneFile, via the AVL)



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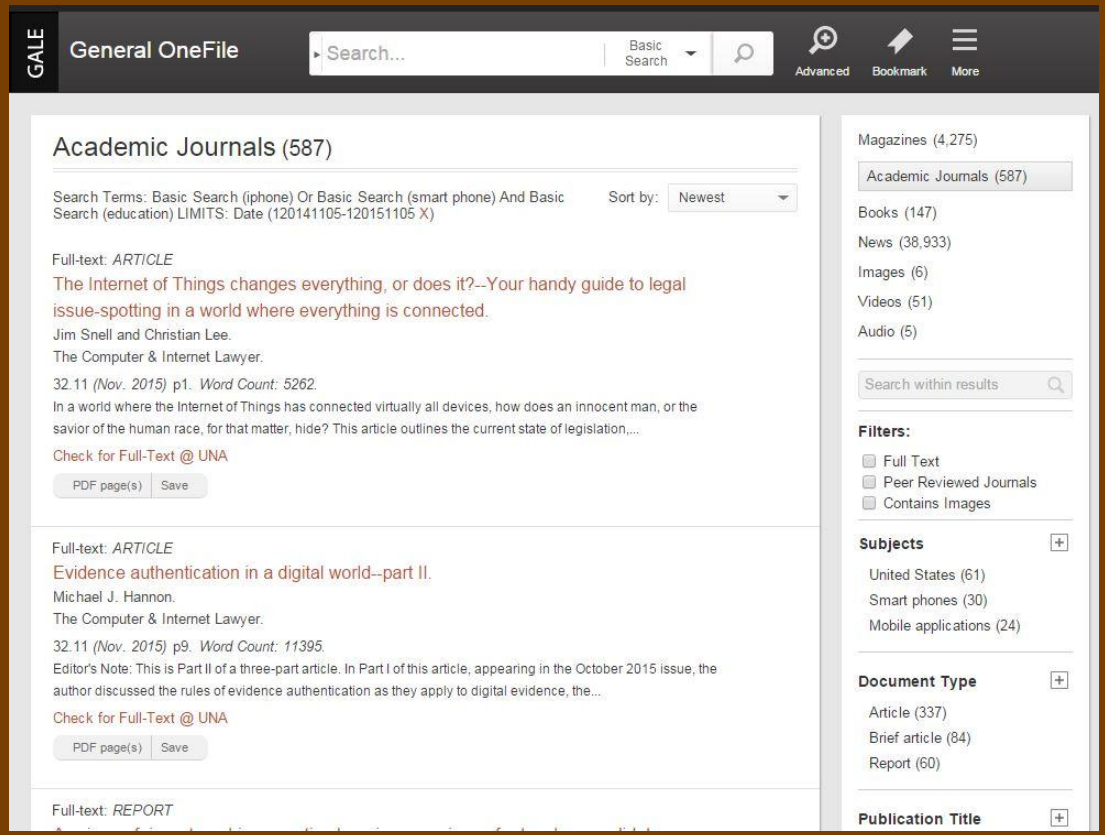
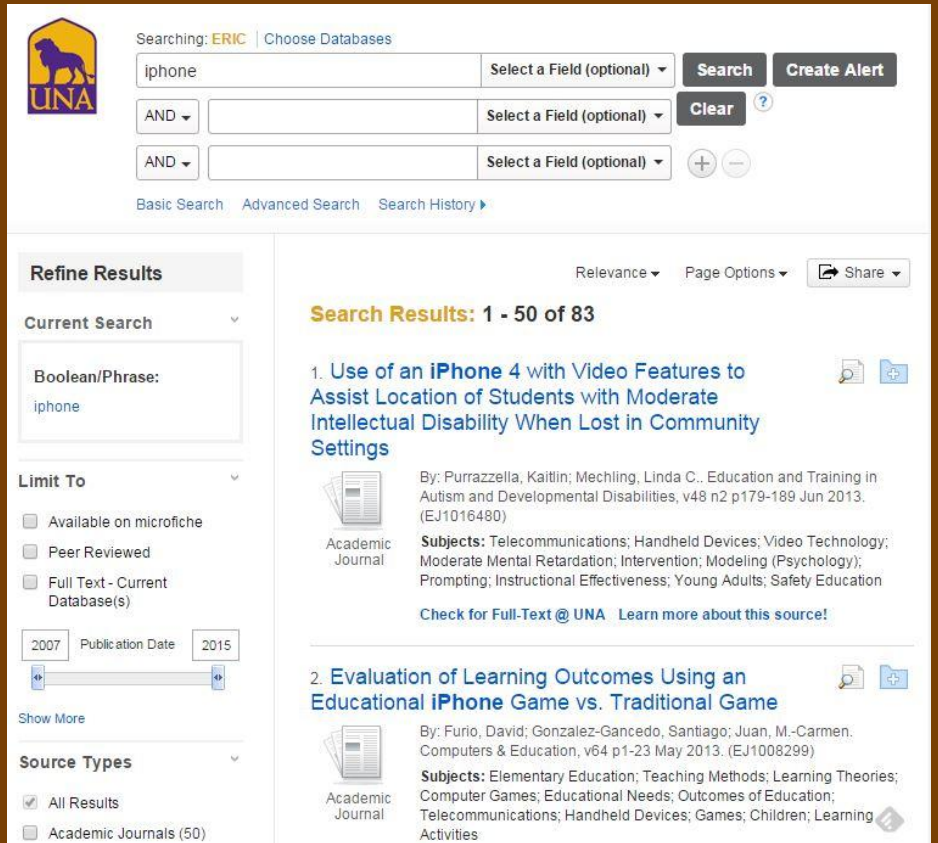


and evaluate

and search (ERIC, AVL)



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Databases

http://www.avl.lib.al.us/about/databases.php

Questions?

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