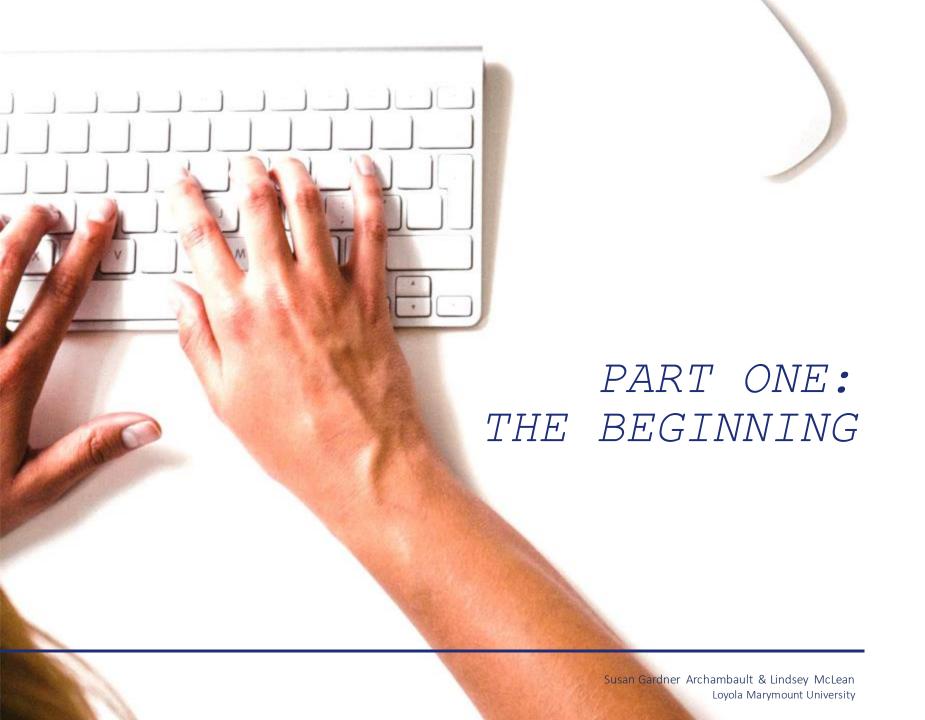
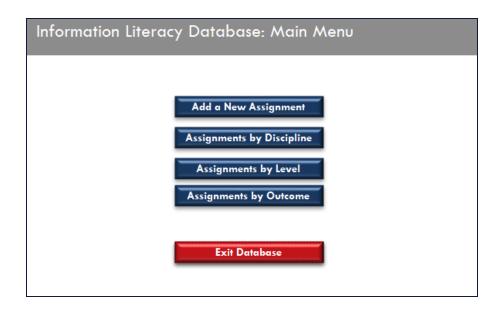
# INTRODUCING CORA:

COMMUNITY OF ONLINE RESEARCH ASSIGNMENTS

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	Title	File
1	Fact Checking the Internet	POE
8	Navigating Research Dead Ends	
13	Research Trail	To a
14	Reflect on Your Discipline	
16	Anatomy of a Research Paper	
17	Annotated Bibliography	
18	Compare Search Strategies	
19	Compare Research Databases	
20	Compare Information Sources	D00
26	Research a News Item	D00
35	Understanding Primary Sources	POE

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May we suggest: information visualization, information evaluation, zotero, critically evaluating information

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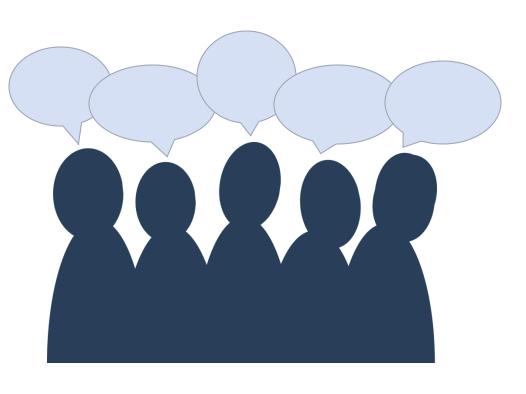
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## PROJECT FUNDING



- Tell us about a research assignment that you think was effective or productive? What made it so?
- Did you ever assign a research assignment that wasn't effective or productive? Why didn't it work?
- What features would make a shared online research assignment database easier for you to use?
- How do you come up with ideas for research assignments?
- Do you like the name CORA for this project?

## FACULTY FOCUS GROUPS

### [Appendix A] Assignment Title: Literature Review

**Description:** The primary purpose of a literature review is to provide a rationale for your proposed research question(s). A review of literature should present a synthesis of existing theory and research literature that argues for the usefulness of the research question. Grading is based on source quality and source relationship to the research topic, organization, ability to synthesize, quality of the research question, and adherence to the proper citation style.

### Learning Outcomes:

Construct a well-supported research-based question

Discipline: Multidisciplinary

Information Literacy Concepts: needs, finds, evaluates, scholarship as conversation

**Context:** This assignment works well when paired with an earlier annotated bibliography assignment.

Supplemental Instructional Materials: The library's subject LibGuides (research guides) available at <a href="http://libguides.lmu.edu">http://libguides.lmu.edu</a> and the ARC's Writing LibGuide available at <a href="http://libguides.lmu.edu/writing">http://libguides.lmu.edu/writing</a>\

Assessment: See attached rubric

Potential Pitfalls: Students lean towards summarizing rather than synthesizing.

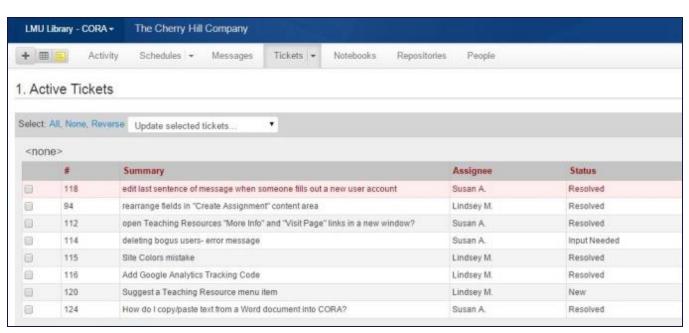


Rating: \* \* \* \* (out of 5 based on 5 users)

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### INITIAL ASSIGNMENT FIELDS





## PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

- "Research Assignments" that require students to engage with information resources in a critical or reflective way
- CORA is a free and open resource designed primarily for faculty and librarians in higher education

## Membership Criteria

#### All Contributors in CORA must:

- Have institutional affiliation with a college or university. Affiliations include: tenure-track faculty, part-time faculty, adjuncts, librarians, and/or other academic staff.
- Register for an account using a .edu email adress. If you do not have a .edu email address, please contact CORA for a special exemption.
- Adhere to the CORA's Acceptable Use Policy

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## PROJECT SCOPE

## Join the CORA Development Group

CORA is seeking up to 30 faculty and librarians from SCELC Member Institutions to join the CORA Development Group! CORA is a groundbreaking new project that seeks to extend information literacy pedagogy beyond the one-shot and open a space to cultivate a virtual community of practice among librarians and faculty. The members of the CORA Development Group will play a pivitol role in mapping out the development and future directions of the CORA platform. The feedback contributed by the CORA Development Group will be used to evaluate the usefulness and scope of CORA; improve the functionality and design of the CORA site; and assess the long-term viability of the CORA platform. To read more about CORA's mission and goals, please visit our About page.

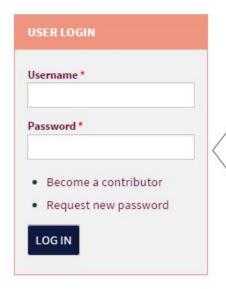
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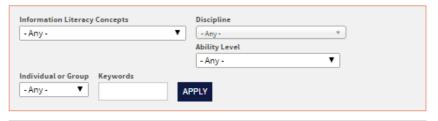


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## CORA LIVE DEMO

## Search for Assignments

### Assignments



#### Lived Experience Project

Posted on September 1, 2015 Author: Phil Bratta

This project asks students to reflect upon an experience or situation with a technology that changed the way they engage and view the world and what that experience meant/means to them. They will make a claim/argument and use experiential evidence to support it. Students will also write a reflection essay, thinking about their writing process throughout this project.

Discipline: Rhetoric, Composition, and Writing Adaptations: 0

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#### Citation Mapping for Religious Studies

Posted on August 11, 2015

Author: Desirae Zingarelli-Sweet

This assignment asks students to map scholarly citations in order to illustrate the concept that scholarship is a conversation. Secondarily, the activity is meant to demonstrate the constructed and contextual nature of authority in academic discourse. It can be used to help students build up to completing an annotated bibliography, research paper, or presentation that requires scholarly sources.

## Assignment example

### Wikipedia vs. Encyclopedia

Submitted by imasunaga on June 17, 2015 - 2:36pm

This assignment asks students to compare and contrast a Wikipedia article and an article from a subject specific Encyclopedia owned by the library. It asks the students to evaluate each resource by assessing its Relevance, Authority, Date, Accuracy and Rationale. Evaluation using these five criteria is known as the RADAR framework.

Although the wikipedia article in this assignment is from biology, it can be switched out for any discipline.

#### Attachments:

This is the PDF version of the assignment
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#### Learning Outcomes:

Learning Objectives: At the end of this assignment, the student should be able to

- Recognize how Wikipedia and scholarly encyclopedias differ in content, authority and relevance to academia.
- 2. Learn how to check a Wikipedia article's quality "grade".
- 3. Use the RADAR framework to critically evaluate a background source.

#### Discipline:

English

#### INFORMATION LITERACY CONCEPTS:

Evaluates

Uses Information

Assessment or Criteria for Success (e.g. rubric, guidelines, exemplary sample paper, etc.):

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### Adapters

### Rain Michaels (rbreaw)

I liked to assign this without making them test out their research question (Callie)

### Comments

Submitted by dzingsweet on June 5, 2015 - 9:00am

This is great. How did you select the films listed? Have you found any types that students particularly struggled with (e.g. movies about more recent history- 20th cent., dramatizations of American history, etc.)?

## BUILDING A COMMUNITY

### **DQP** Assignment Library

This resource is funded by The National Institute for Learning Outcomes Assessment (NILOA). It is a searchable online library of collegiate-level course assignments in a wide variety of academic disciplines that link to one or more proficiencies in the Degree Qualifications Profile (DQP). The



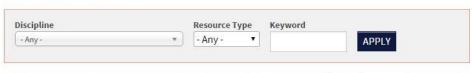
assignments and commentaries here are works in progress, generously shared by faculty members from a wide range of fields and institutional types committed to advancing and documenting student learning.

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**RESOURCE TYPE:** 

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### Teaching Resources



#### AAC&U's Value Assessment of Learning in Undergraduate Education (VALUE)

Explains the foundation for using VALUE rubrics to assess student authentic work, how to create protocols and parameters for a scale-able VALUE assessment, and how to report the results of us



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#### ACRL Framework Toolkit

Since 2013, the Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI) Instruction Showcase has offered academic librar



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- How do I create a user account?
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- · How do I change my password?
- How do I delete my account?

### PROFILE PAGE

- · How do I add, remove, or change my profile picture?
- How do I add my social media accounts?

### ADDING ASSIGNMENTS

- · What are the benefits of sharing my assignments?
- · What are the file size limits
- What file types are allowed?
- How do I update an assignment?
- How do I copy/paste text from a Word document into CORA?

### Creating a Rubric

For more information on the rubric creation process, consult the following resources:

- Loyola Marymount University, Office of Assessment's Assessment Resources. Rubrics. Retrieved from http://academics.lmu.edu/spee/officeofassessment/assessmentresources/rubrics/
- Maki, P. L. (2004). Assessing for learning: Building a sustainable commitment across the institution.
   Sterling, VA: Stylus Publishing.
- Moskal, B.M. (2003). Recommendations for developing classroom performance assessments and scoring rubrics. PracticalAssessment, Research & Evaluation, 8(14). Retrieved from http://pareonline.net/getvn.asp?v=8&n=14
- Oakleaf, M. (2009). Writing rubrics right: Avoiding common mistakes in rubric assessment. ACRL National Conference 2009. Retrieved from http://meganoakleaf.info/writingrubricsright.pdf
- Walvoord, B. E. (2010). Assessment clear and simple: A practical guide for institutions, departments, and general education (2nd ed.). San Francisco: Jossey-Bass.

## HELP CENTER



an open access resource for faculty and librarians

CORA (Community of Online Research Assignments) is a pilot open access educational resource developed for faculty and librarians in higher education. It aspires to become a repository of user- contributed research and information literacy assignments. Please help us improve CORA by filling out this brief and anonymous feedback form. Thank you! Any questions about this form may be sent to contactprojectcora@gmail.com.

#### Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with these statements about CORA.

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It was easy to find the information I was looking for on the CORA site (e.g. navigation, search boxes)	0	0	0	0	0	
The language used on the CORA site was free from jargon	0	0	0	0	0	
The CORA site functioned without any technical difficulties	0	0	0	0	0	
The CORA site was well-designed (e.g. font, colors)	0	0	0	0	0	
The CORA site created a sense of community	0	0	0	0	0	
The information found through the CORA site was useful to me	0	0	0	0	0	
would recommend the CORA site to a colleague	0	0	0	0	0	

## IMPROVING CORA

### Blog



#### CORA Hits the Road!

Posted on October 5, 2015

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