Library Homepage: grcc.edu/library
English Composition Subject Grades: subjectguides.grcc.edu/englishcomposition

Your Topic/Reference Question: _____________________________________________
Keywords, subject terms to search: __________________________________________
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Search Tips for Databases and Search Engines

Phrase Searching: Place quotations around two to three words to search for that phrase.
Example: “stem cell research”

Truncation: * Use the star symbol to shorten terms to “root” words. Truncation opens
searches to all forms of the shortened word. Example: cook* will search cook, cooks, cooking

Subject Headings: databases will usually have a list of terms, or SUBJECTS, that describe the
article. Look for these to provide additional terms to search and to narrow results.

1. Use RaiderSearch, GRCC’s online catalog, to find a book, e-book, or AV on your topic:

   Author: _______________________________________________________________
   Title: ______________________________________________________________________
   Publisher: _____________________________________________________________ Date: ______
   List one Subject for this book, as found on RaiderSearch: _______________________

2. Choose Points of View Reference Center to find an article on your topic:

   Author: _______________________________________________________________
   Title of Article: ______________________________________________________________________
   Journal Name: _________________________________________________________________________
   Volume # ______ Issue # ______ Date: ___________________ Pages: _________________
   List one Subject for this topic, found on the left side of the screen: _______________________

3. Choose ProQuest Research Library to find an academic journal or magazine article on your topic.

Author: 

Title of Article: 

Journal Name: 

Volume # _______ Issue # ________ Date: _______________ Pages: __________________

4. Google Searching: Use the [Advanced Search] option with Google. Try using [search within a site or domain] and enter either .gov (governmental), .edu (educational) to retrieve a college research-appropriate website.

Website Title: 

Website URL: 

Citation Help:

There are many resources to help you format your paper and works cited page in MLA.

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Citing Source Subject Guide: http://subjectguides.grcc.edu/citing

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