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UCWR RESEARCH
• What I do and how I can help
• What research tools did you use in high school when you had projects that required research?
• How do you think college-level research will be different from research you had to do in high school?
• What do you struggle with when it comes to research?
SEARCH TOOLS ACTIVITY

1. Break into groups.

2. Assign a search tool.
   - Google
   - Academic Search Complete
   - Google Scholar
   - Library Catalog

3. Explore!

UNDERSTANDING SEARCH TOOLS

Google
- Google indexes web pages
- Google is a great place to start your research to get to know your topic a little better. Check out newspaper websites, magazine websites, Wikipedia and more!

Academic Search Complete
- Easy to use, general database that can help you explore your topic and find full-text articles.

Library Catalog
- Find books and articles that are hidden from Google in the Library Catalog!

Google Scholar
- Google's scholarly portal, with some full-text access to scholarly, peer-reviewed articles.

Library Databases
- Links to full-text scholarly articles available in Loyola Libraries databases!
Be prepared to present your findings and discuss after you explore your search tool.

1. What types of sources are in your results?
2. Do you feel like the results are relevant to the topic? Why or why not? Did you try changing the search terms?
3. Choose 2 or 3 relevant results. Could you use these sources for an assignment for one of your classes? Be prepared to discuss the sources you chose.
4. What limiters or filters or refining tools are available in your search tool?
5. Do you have access to the full-text of the sources?
WRAP UP

UCWR Research Guide
Topic Selection
How to Get Help
Next Session
Questions?
Comments?

THANK YOU!