SHORT SESSION

Timing: After students have been introduced to the 4th research essay assignment. If choosing the Topic Exploration Activity, please be sure that students have topics in mind.

UCWR instructors choose one of two activities for librarians to facilitate for the short session:

Option One: Search Tool Activity

Purpose: This activity requires students to explore and evaluate both library and internet search tools. Librarians provide a brief overview of each tool and then break students into groups to research a topic in each tool. Students consider various features available, the type of sources in each tool, effective search strategies and more.

Option Two: Topic Exploration Activity

Purpose: This activity includes a brief presentation on strategies for discovering and learning about a research topic and then breaks students into pairs to discuss their potential topics with specific questions to consider.

FULL SESSION

Timing: After students have landed on a topic (or two) to use for their research paper. It also is helpful if students have started looking at background information on their topic.

Strategic Searching Activity

Purpose: This activity includes a brief presentation focused on searching strategies and a demonstration of the LUC library catalog. Students are directed to a live Google sheet where they are asked to respond to questions that guide them through the research process including: developing keywords, refining a search, determining relevancy of a source, skimming through a source, discovering an extending idea and articulating any challenges they encountered while searching.

QUESTIONS?
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