



ONLINE LIBRARY ASSIGNMENTS: ENGLISH 009

Shake Library, Vincennes University

Web Page: <http://www.vinu.edu>

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I. FIND BOOKS: WebCat (Library Electronic Catalog)

When you use WebCat you find books, videos, music CDs, and other items shelved in the library for your use.

Instructions:

- Call up your browser (such as Internet Explorer).
- If the Shake Library Home Pages does not appear, then type <http://www.vinu.edu> to go to the VU Home Page and click on Majors and Academics, then Libraries.
- Click on Find Books
- Click on VU WebCat and answer the questions below.

A. AUTHOR SEARCH:

How many books does the library have by the author John Wideman (remember to type an author's last name first when searching)? _____

Call up one of Wideman's books and record the following:

Title: _____

Name of Publisher: _____

Place (City) Published: _____

Date Published: _____ Call Number of Book: _____

B. TITLE SEARCH:

Who wrote the book titled *In Search of J.D. Salinger*?

Name of Author: _____

C. SUBJECT SEARCH:

Find one book about the topic **Fishing** and answer the following:

Title of your book: _____

Call up your book by clicking on the title. Is it listed under any other subject heading?

Name of Other Heading: _____

D. KEYWORD SEARCH:

How many books does the library contain about the topic cell phones? (Hint: do a phrase search by putting the words **cell** and **phones** in quotation marks, such as "**cell phones**")

Answer: _____

What is the title of one book: _____

II. FIND ARTICLES: PROQUEST

ProQuest is a database that allows you to search and retrieve full text articles from scholarly and popular journals, magazines, and newsletters.

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- Click on Find Articles
- Click on ProQuest and answer the questions below.

Assignment: Using the **Publication Search** tab near the top of the page, find one full text periodical (journal/magazine) about your major or possible field of study you are interested in.

A. What is the name of your publication you chose:

B. Now call up your publication by clicking on the title (remember to choose a full text journal), select one full text article, and answer the following:

Author (if available): _____

Title: _____

Date Published: _____ Page Number of Original: _____

C. Next: Email the article to your account so you will know how to do this.

D. Now Click on Basic Search near the top of the page and search for articles about the topic **Ice Hockey**. How many articles did you find? _____

E. What is the title of one article you found: _____

III. FIND ARTICLES: OPPOSING VIEWPOINTS

The very useful database titled Opposing Viewpoints is under the Reference Databases heading. It contains articles that argue different points of view and is therefore a good source for student speeches and writing assignments.

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- Click on Find Articles
- Click on Opposing Viewpoints and answer the questions below.

Select one topic from the list of subjects that appears on the page and select one article that appears.

A. Name of Subject: _____

B. Title of Article: _____

C. Author: _____

D. Now do a search the topic **Drunk Driving**. How many articles did you find?

IV. FIND ARTICLES: BRITANNICA ONLINE

Britannica Online is the hyperlinked web version of the famous encyclopedia. It is a good information source for college assignments.

Instructions:

- Call up your browser (such as Internet Explorer).
- If the Shake Library Home Pages does not appear, then type <http://www.vnu.edu> to go to the VU Home Page and click on Majors and Academics, then Libraries
- Click on Find Articles
- Click on Britannica Online and answer the questions below. Since the database contains other Britannica reference sources, be sure to select Encyclopedia Britannica when doing these assignments.

A. In what year did Drag Racing begin? _____

B. What U.S. general has a statue erected to him in the Korean city of Inchon?

C. In what area of the U.S. did Gangsta Rap originate? _____

D. In what country did the soybean probably originate? _____