**Library Exercise Sheet**

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| **Your name:** | | | | | | **Partner’s name:** | |
| **1** | **Choose your topic.** | | | | | | |
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| **2** | **Create a search strategy.** | | | | | | |
| Who? (People, Organizations, Kinds of People) | | | | Where? | | | When? |
| How? | | | | **Topic Keywords:** | | | Why? |
| What? | | | |  | | |  |
| **3a** | **Find resources. (You search)** | | | | | | |
| **Books**  LIBROS  Other catalogs… | | | | | **Articles**  Academic Search Complete, ProQuest, etc.  Issues & Controversies, Points of View, etc.  Other library database:… | | |
| Highlight/Bold type of resources and finding tool. Write keywords you used. Write brief citation of source.  **Search words:**  **Citation:** | | | | | | | |
| **3b** | **Describe your information need to your partner.** | | | | | | |
| **3c** | **Find resources. (Partner search)** | | | | | | |
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| **4** | **Debrief with class** | | | | | | |
| **5** | **Find resources. (You search)** | | | | | | |
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| **6** | **Evaluate your resource (TRAP).** |  |
| **NO, it’s not current**  Topic has change A LOT since source was published. | **Is the information TIMELY?**  Strong no maybe no maybe yes strong yes | **YES, it’s current**  Topic HASN’T CHANGED MUCH since source was published. |
| **NO, it’s not relevant**  The abstract, argument, and/or conclusion have very little to do with my topic. | **Is the information RELEVANT to my work?**  Strong no maybe no maybe yes strong yes | **YES, it’s relevant**  The abstract, argument, and/or conclusion strongly support, oppose, or inform a main point in my topic. |
| **NO, it’s not**  The author is not an expert and has little knowlege of the subject and the information is factually inaccurate. | **Is the information AUTHORITATIVE and ACCURATE to my work?**  Strong no maybe no maybe yes strong yes | **YES, it is.**  The author is a respected expert/authority in the field of research and the facts are accurate. |
| **NO, it doesn’t**  The authors’ purpose is unclear and information presented seems random. | **Does source have a clear PURPOSE supported by information in it?**  Strong no maybe no maybe yes strong yes | **YES, it does.**  The author’s purpose seems clear and the information present supports that purpose**.** |
| **Didn’t learn anything**  Information just repeats things I know. | **How much does this source help me LEARN?**  Strong no maybe no maybe yes strong yes | **Learned something new**  Information changes the way I look at my topic or brings up new questions to research. |
| **NO, it doesn’t**  My experiences don’t affect my thinking on the topic or the source. | **Does your life EXPERIENCE affect how you look at this source?**  Strong no maybe no maybe yes strong yes | **YES, it does.**  My experiences are reflected in how I think about my topic and how I feel about this source. |
| **What EVIDENCE does the source provide that you could use?**  **Experts Facts Statistics Narrative/Story Examples Other?** | | |
| **How will you USE the information in this source?**  **Background Support evidence Counter argument Example Will not use this source** | | |

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| **7** | **Choose your favorite source from the 3 you have found.**  **Copy and paste citation below.**  **Share with partner why you choose that source.**  **Share the criteria you used with the class.** |
| **8** | **Find-a-book** |
|  | **Book number:**  **Author:**  **Title:**  **Call number:** |