

Prince George's Community College Library Web Site Strategy Exercise

Objectives:

To become familiar with the various types of resources that are linked to the **Ready Reference Sources-WWW, Subject Sources-WWW, and Online Databases** pages of the Library Media Center Web Site by:

- Constructing a search strategy for finding a variety of quality sources.
- Identifying from Ready Reference Sources-WWW references by beginning with Bibliographies, Guides, and Gateways as a preliminary point for research.
- Identifying additional Internet sources by using Subject Sources-WWW, and Online Databases.
- To complete the Web site strategy exercise by giving an answer for all parts of the assigned reference query.

Search Problem

What is the relationship between United States intelligence and counter terrorism? Use the Ready Reference-WWW Sources, Subject Sources-WWW, and Online Databases pages to find sources.

Search Strategy

Develop a strategy for answering the question above by completing the exercise listed on the back of this sheet using the pages from the Web site listed above.

Most search engines and databases will not allow you to enter a statement in natural language. Therefore, you must enter the most **important words, phrase, or concepts** in the search box of search engines and databases. You must use connectors called Boolean Operators (AND, OR, NOT) to connect these terms. Use parentheses (nesting) when there is more than Boolean Operator to determine hierarchy.

For example you would use the **AND** operator and type **(counter terrorism AND united states) AND intelligence**.*

Add the operator **OR** when referring to similar terms and to broaden search. For example you would type **(counter terrorism OR counterterrorism) AND (united states AND intelligence)**.*

Use a phrase enclosed in double (“”) to get exact wording and to be more specific. For example you could enter **“counter terrorism” AND (united states AND intelligence)**.*

***Note:** Be sure to read help, tips, and hints for each database and search engine before entering search. Use parentheses to nest concepts when there is more than one Boolean operator.

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1. Ready Reference Sources WWW

- a. Use the **Bibliographies, Guides, and Gateways** reference category.
- b. Give the **title** of one source and **search strategy**: _____
 - 1. Give a **site's name** found from the source: _____
 - 2. Give the **site's URL**: _____
Date URL retrieved: _____

2. Subjects Sources WWW

- a. List at least **one subject** category: _____
- b. Give the **heading, title** of one source and **search strategy**: _____
 - 1. Give a **site's name** found from the source: _____
 - 2. Give the **site's URL**: _____
Date URL retrieved: _____

3. Online Databases

- a. Use the **Internet and World Wide Web Databases** category.
- b. Give the **discipline, title** of a database and **search strategy**: _____
 - 1. Give a **site's name** found in the database: _____
 - 2. Give the **site's URL**: _____
Date URL retrieved: _____
- c. Give the **discipline, title** of a commercial database and **search strategy**: _____

1. Give the title, author, and date of the article _____

2. Date article retrieved: _____

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