

Checklist for Web Book Chapter 4: Research



Use this to guide your note-taking as you read through this chapter.

Lesson One: “What is it?”

- 5 benefits derived from research.
- Some characteristics of the “expert researcher”
- Some common differences between high school and college libraries.
- 4 warnings about using the web for research.
- Some characteristics of an academic library.

Lesson Two: “Technique and Tools”

- 3 reasons for *superficially* exploring general information about your topic.
- 3 broad methods of fact-gathering
- True or False: It is inappropriate to look at the footnotes and bibliography of an article you have found in order to get ideas for other sources you might be able to use.

Lesson Three: “Using Databases”

- What WebCat is used for.
- What research databases are used for.
- Common fields in a record from a research database.
- Boolean operators: AND, OR

Lesson Four: “Locating Sources”

- 4 common types of sources.
- 2 common citation styles are ___ and ___ .

Lesson Five: “Locating Sources”

- Definition of a “peer-reviewed” journal.
- Some of the 15 differences between scholarly and popular journals.
- 6 basic criteria for evaluating sources.
- 5 new ethical challenges the Internet poses to scholars (Sonia Bodi).
- 4 types of plagiarism.
- 4 forms of respect to bear in mind when considering plagiarism.