

I've learned how to research various sources

I have learned to be a better researcher, and now I feel like I will do well when I need to find something in the library.

I learned how to check out a book! Also I learned how to use the UW database and catalog to search for information that I would have never knew about if I had not taken this class. Previously I would always do my research from Google or Yahoo, but I have discovered many treasures in the microfilm collection, and also by viewing newspapers too.

Use of the databases. The difference between primary and secondary sources, (i would remember teachers saying, write a paper using the primary sources and i always thought that ment the books they made us buy at the begining of the quarter :)) Using the library. How to find things by changing words or trying different types of words that mean the same thing. I never realised you can do that.

I've learned a lot about primary resources. For example, what kinds of primary resources there are and how one should go about interpreting them. I learned a lot about the UW libraries and various databases online that I didn't even know existed. I also learned how to make a really good search statement.

I have learned how to better search for articles and books in this library. I finally also understood the meaning behind Summit also. Professors have always told me to use it, but I never understood what it was. I also learned how Suzzallo is organized, so I haven't been running around as much trying to find books in the stacks or magazines in the periodicals section.

How to really DO research; I didn't know what I was missing before I took the class.

I learned how to use research databases to find sources relevent to whatever topic I'm researching. Prior to taking this class, I had never checked out a book from the UW library system or visited any of the databases we covered in class. I can't underscore enough how useful this is going to be for other classes.

I have learned to use the library a million times more than before. I even had a research paper that I had to do for another class and I came in and got a book for the first time ever....and I'm a SENIOR!

I thought i had a good idea of how to research things prior to this class, but i had never really utilized the library system here (and i'm in my 3rd year). Most projects that required research i had enough knowledge about or had already bought books that may have helped me. But for the topics covered in this class i would have probably never research outside of class so i had no prior knowledge, this forced me to use the library system and other ways of researching (besides the internet)

I've gained more confidence in my abilities to conduct research, as well as more skills in using the tools of the trade, such as the internet, catalogues, citation styles, ect.

Absolutely most important is how to use LC Subject headings. This is amazing, I now know how to find every book written on a specific topic!!! Next most important is knowing how to use online reference materials, especially Encyclopaedia Britannica and Oxford Online.

I've learned how to effectively search for primary/secondary sources on many different topics, it has already helped with two other research papers I had this quarter.

How to use the Library System

A lot about steps in research and primary/secondary sources ... and the amount of information that it out there waiting to be found by its searcher!

How to research a topic and pick the most valuable sources.