

RESEARCH WRITER'S JOURNAL ASSIGNMENT #4
POST-LIBRARY SESSION #1: WHAT DID I FIND AND
WHERE AM I GOING NEXT?
BCUSP 135 (DR. MONDAL)

YOUR NAME: _____

Submission Guidelines

Enter your responses to this assignment in the spaces provided. Save the file as RWJ4_LastName_FirstName and submit it in the appropriate Catalyst Collect It dropbox and submit it before class on Monday, 4/25, as well as BRINGING A HARD COPY TO CLASS.

Purpose

This assignment, designed in collaboration with our course librarians, aims to help you in the following ways:

- 1) The questions listed in the worksheet will help you keep track of the useful sources and information you found during the library session, as well as what you still need to find.
- 2) The assignment requires you to revise your research questions based on what you found, thus helping you keep those questions focused and up to date.
- 3) You will have the opportunity to discuss what the process of finding sources has been like for you, allowing the librarians and me to step in and help if necessary. Writing about this also gets you started in developing your Research Narrative for your Research Paper Proposal Preliminary Draft assignment.

Instructions

Before beginning, copy and paste below the notes you took during library session #1.

Answer the questions below, drawing on your experience in the library session and the information you found.

- 1) Which keywords/search strategies brought you the best results in your searches during the library session?
- 2) What was the most useful source you found during the library session, and why do you think it looks useful?
- 3) List at least one primary source you've found. Where and how did you find this source (what source - e.g. Google - did you use, what keywords did you use to search)? Why do you think this is a primary source, and how does this source help you to understand your topic?
- 4) Name a couple of things you've learned about your topic from the sources you've found so far.
- 5) Which resources (library catalog, electronic encyclopedia, etc.) were most useful, and why? What kind of information did these sources give you?
- 6) What kinds of sources do you still need for your paper?
- 7) If you were to create some research questions based on the research you did today, what would they look like? If you already thought of a couple of questions, how would you modify them based on what you found today?
- 8) What's been the most challenging part of research for you so far? What's been the most successful part of your research so far?
- 9) What questions do you still have about finding information for your paper?