

## ACA 115 Library Exercise, Part II

The purpose of this assignment is for students in ACA 115 classes to

- identify keywords, synonyms, and related terms for a chosen topic,
- become familiar with standard information retrieval tools and methods (indexes, catalogs, classification methods, etc.),
- learn how to retrieve information in a variety of formats, and
- acknowledge sources of information through use of a standard documentation style.

In order to complete this assignment, you will need information included in the **Basic Survival Kit**.

1. Choose a topic from the list:

renewable energy	economy	human rights	organic foods
ensorship	education	market research	photography
climate change	elections	medical ethics	religion
construction industry	energy conservation	middle east	same-sex marriage
corporations	folklore	nursing homes	telecommunication
criminal law	genetic engineering	obesity	terrorism

Write it here: Censorship

2. Write down several keywords, synonyms, and terms related to your topic:

banned books, freedom of information, Internet  
censorship

For help finding more terms, you can use **NoodleTools**. To get to NoodleTools, type in <http://www.noodletools.com/debbie/literacies/information/locate/adviceengine.html>, or click on **Research Starts Here** on the Library home page ([isothermal.edu/library](http://isothermal.edu/library)), then click on **Keywords, synonyms, and related terms**.

3. Information Literacy & Research

A. Spend some time thinking about the topic you selected, and then write down three possible research questions:

1. What are the pros and cons of Internet filtering?
2. Why is freedom of information important?
3. What is the history of censorship?

B. Choose one of the questions to address or answer in your research:

Why is freedom of information important?

C. Brainstorm on this question. What are some angles or issues with this topic you can think of off the top of your head that you may want to consider when researching this question? (List as many as you can)

What does "freedom of information" mean? Who does it affect?  
Have I had personal experience with censorship?

To gather some background information for researching your question, what are some sources you might want to look at for an overview of the subject? (List several)

Dictionaries, encyclopedias, subject-specialized encyclopedias, Google search

4. On the Internet, search for your topic using the search engine of your choice. Choose an item in the result list that looks useful or interesting and fill in the following information: (Sometimes parts could be missing; in that case, just make a line "---" indicating that the information wasn't there.)

Author(s) or webmaster: Mintcheva, Svetlana

Copyright or latest date posted: 7 July 2009

Name of the page, or the title of the article: Letter: Censoring public art censors all of us

Source (the person or organization responsible for the whole website):

National Coalition Against Censorship

Date retrieved (when you found it): 8 Aug 2009

URL (the Internet address): http://www.ncac.org/Letter-Censoring-public-art-censors-all-of-us

Decide what the purpose of the site is (e.g., to entertain, inform, sell something, etc.):

inform

5. Go to NC LIVE (use the yellow pages in Basic Survival Kit if you need to), and find an article on your topic using the databases in EBSCOhost. Choose an article from the result list, and identify the following from the information on the screen:

Author(s) (if given): Ralston, Neil

Title of article: Fighting censorship on campus

Name of publication: Quill

Vol.: 97 No.: 1 Date of publication: Jan. 2009 Page: 12  
(Date format ex.: 25 May 2000)

Vendor/Aggregate database: EBSCOhost/NC LIVE Date retrieved: 10 Aug. 2009

6. Use the CMC Library Consortium catalog (<http://www.cmclibraries.org/catalog>) to find a book on your topic. Use the information on the catalog screen to complete the following:

Author(s): Stay, Byron L., ed.

Title of the book: Censorship: opposing viewpoints

Place of publication: San Diego, CA

Name of publisher: Greenhaven Press Copyright date: 1997

Call number: Z 658.U5 C4 1997 C.2

Location (ex: Isothermal-Main, Rutherford Co. Lib., etc.): Isothermal - Main

7. Find a Reference book that has information on your topic. You can get the LC classification letters for your topic by referring to the call number of the book you identified in No. 6. or in the pages with the Library of Congress Classification System in the back of the **Library Handbook**, or on the poster in the Reference section. Using the book, complete the following:

Title of article or chapter: (If you find a whole book on your subject, you can skip this line.)

Title of the Reference book: Censorship

Edition (if given): — Date of Publication: 1997

Call number: Z 658.U5 C38 1997 (Reference)

Does this Reference book have an index? Yes  No  A table of contents? Yes  No   
(These are both great tools for finding the information you want inside the book.)