



Glendale College Library
Research Assignment
Locating Journal & Newspaper Articles

Name: _____ Date Due: _____ Instructor _____

This exercise gives you practice searching for periodical literature in the ProQuest database.

To get to ProQuest in the GCC Library:

- Double click the *Online Resources* icon from your computer desktop.
- Select "ProQuest" from the alphabetical **Databases** list.

To get to ProQuest from home:

- Enter the URL for the library Web site: <http://www.glendale.edu/library>.
- The library's databases are listed on the left side of the screen.
- Select "ProQuest."
- You will be prompted for your username and password.
- For username, enter your student ID number.
- For the password, enter your date of birth in numerical format (MMDDYY) without slashes.
- For example, if your birth date is April 2, 1975, your password would be 040275.

An online guide to using **ProQuest** is available at <http://www.glendale.cc.ca.us/library/libins/index.htm> under the section titled *Library Research Guides, Tutorials, and Pathfinders*.

Part I, Exercise #1: Finding Newspaper, Magazine, and Journal Articles in ProQuest

Choose two topics from the Research Topics list at the back of this handout. Make sure to select one topic from each column to complete the following exercises.

1. What topics did you chose: Topic #1: _____ Topic #2: _____

Exercise #2: Now search ProQuest for information on your selected topics and answer the following questions:

	Topic #1	Topic #2
What keywords or phrases did you use to search for your topic?		
What Database(s) did you select?		
What date range did you select?		
How many articles were listed?		

Exercise #3: From your search in Exercise #2, select one article from each topic and answer the following questions:

Topic #1—Title of article:

Topic #2—Title of Article:

Does the article you chose have an abstract? (Hint: Abstracts, or article summaries, appear directly before the text of the article.)		
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Does the article have additional Subject Terms? (Hint: Subject Terms appear with the citation at the beginning of the record).		
If so, what Subject Terms are listed?		

Exercise #4: List the citation information for the articles you selected for Question #3. (Hint: A citation is the standard information about a resource that helps you locate the item in the library, in a database, or on the Web. The citation is also the standard information you use when compiling a bibliography [or Works Cited list] for a research or term paper. A book citation includes: author, title, place of publication, publisher, and publication date. An article citation includes: author and title of article, title of periodical in which article appeared, volume, date, and pages of article.)

Topic #1

Topic #2

Author(s)		
Title of article		
Title of periodical		
Volume (if available)		
Publication date		
Pages		
Is the full text of the article available online? Yes or No		

Part II, Exercise #1: Select a topic you will be working on this semester and search for information using ProQuest. Answer the following questions:

What topic did you choose?	
What keywords or phrases did you use to search for your topic?	
What was the date range you selected?	
How many articles were listed?	

Exercise #2: Select one article from your search results and answer the following questions:

What is the title of the article?	
Does the article have an abstract?	
Does the article have additional Subject Terms?	
If so, what Subject Terms are listed?	

Exercise #3: List the citation information for the article you selected above:

Author(s)	
Title of article	
Title of periodical	
Volume (if available)	
Publication date	
Pages	
Is the full text of the article available online? Yes or No	

Research Topics

Choose one topic from each column

General Interest Topics

Community Colleges

Beyonce or Eminem , etc.

Car Stereos and CDs

"Distributed Computing"

Extreme Sports (choose a sport)

Street Racing

Pro Athletes' Salaries

Magnetic Therapy

Motorcycle Market

Music File Sharing on the Internet

Independent Films

Stonewall Riots

Reality TV shows

Body Piercing and Tattoos

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(Option: choose your own topic)

Academic Topics

Affirmative Action

Abortion

Bioethics and Human Cloning

Dalai Lama

Election Reform

Gays in the Military

Genocide and Armenia

Global Warming and the Rain Forest

Home Schooling

Legalizing Marijuana

Mahatma Gandhi and non-violence

Teenage Parents (the parent is a teen)

Violence on Television in the past 3 years

Uganda and Human Rights

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(Option: choose your own topic)