NAME: _____ **SECTION:_____ DATE:** _____

INFORMATION LITERACY RESEARCH PROJECT
Directions

Select ONE of the following topics for your Research Project.

Adoption	Eating Disorders	Obesity
Affirmative Action	Education	Pollution
Aging	Employment	Poverty
Animal Rights	Energy	Prejudice
Capital Punishment	Environment	Primary Election
Censorship	Euthanasia	Propaganda
Church and State	Global Warming	Racism
Civil Rights	Homelessness	Refugees
Cloning	Illiteracy	Smoking
Conservation	Immigration	Social Security
Copyright	Income Tax	Social Networking
Disease	Marijuana	Terrorism
Domestic Violence	Marriage	Vaccines
Drinking Age	Minimum Wage	World Trade Organization

Answer the questions on the following pages (Parts 1-6). On page 3 is an example of what is expected for each question. You will need to access the Library Web site www.estrellamountain.edu/library/ to complete this assignment.

To access Library resources from off-campus, you will need your MEID and password. This is the same password you use for Canvas and my.maricopa.edu

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Goals

The main goal of the Information Literacy Research Project is to ensure that students can find print and electronic information necessary to complete research papers and projects. Students will increase their familiarity with selected resources introduced and will follow the steps delineated in the Library Exercise to find information on a given topic.

Objectives

After completing the Research Project, students should be able:

● To develop a research question which will form the focus for investigation

● To locate information which might help to answer/support the research question in library online resources (encyclopedia, Opposing Viewpoints, periodicals database, Internet)

● To use the Library's Catalog to locate a book which might answer the research question

● To use the Call Number to find the book in the library

● To evaluate the selected online resources and book in terms of how they answer/support the research question

● To identify citation information such as author, title and publisher

INFORMATION LITERACY RESEARCH PROJECT *SAMPLE*

Part 1 of 6 (This is only an example. Sample student responses are in **boldface**.)

TOPIC: *(Select from list)* **Diabetes**
SOURCE: Credo Reference
Search Term(s): ***Diabetes***

Number of "hits" (results): ***5170***
Which one of the results do you think will contain the most information about your topic? ***The topic page on diabetes***

(Use the "Related Topic Pages" to help you define, narrow and ask a question about the topic.)
Ask a question about the narrowed topic:
How is insulin used in the treatment of diabetes?

List **facts** from this resource that will help you answer your question.
Insulin helps to reduce glucose levels.
Insulin levels can be controlled with a portable insulin pump.
The first preparation of insulin was extracted from pancreas.

Would this be a good resource for your topic? ***Yes***

Explain why or why not.
Although this is a short article, the information is useful because it answers the question of how insulin is used in the treatment of diabetes. This would be a good resource to begin my research with.

Citation Information:
Name of the author of the article: ***no author listed***
Title of the article: ***Diabetes***
Title of the publication: ***The Cambridge Historical Dictionary of Disease***
Publisher: ***Cambridge University Press***
Copyright date: ***2003***
Electronic address (if online): ***http://www.credoreference.com/entry/cupdisease/diabetes***
Date of access: ***January 7, 2014***

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I. TOPIC :_(Select from list on page 1)_ _____

Use this **SOURCE: Credo Reference**

Type SEARCH TERM (topic) into "Search" box:
Number of "hits" (documents found): _____
Which one of the results do you think will contain the most information about your topic?
_____   (_Link to that source._)

Write a question about your topic: NOTE: You will look for information to answer THIS SAME QUESTION in ALL the following resources used in the Research Project

Find and list one or two FACTS from this resource that will help you to answer your question.

1.

2.

Would this be a good resource for your topic?

Explain why or why not.

Citation Information:
a. Name of the author of the article:
b. Title of the article:
c. Title of the publication:
d. Publisher:
e. Copyright date:
f. Electronic address:
g. Date of access (date that you used this resource):

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II. What is your QUESTION about the topic (same question as in Part 1*)?:*

SOURCE: Opposing Viewpoints

Search Term(s): _____
Number of "hits" (results): _____

Select one of the results that you think will answer your question. Link to that source.

Title of article selected:_____

Find and list one or two FACTS from this resource that will help you to answer your question.

1.

2.

Would this be a good resource for your topic?

Explain why or why not.

5. Citation Information:
a. Name of the author of the article:
b. Title of the article:
c. Title of the publication:
d. Publisher:
e. Copyright date:
f. Electronic address:
g. Date of access:

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III. What is your QUESTION about the topic (same question as in Part 1 & 2*)*?:

SOURCE: Library Catalog (*Limit your search to the EMCC Library*)

Search Term(s): _____
Number of "hits" (results): _____

Select one of the books that you think will answer your question. Click on the title for the full record of the book.

Citation Information:

a. Name of the author of the book:

b. Title of the book:

c. Publisher:

d. Copyright date:

e. EMCC call number :

Find the book and skim through the table of contents and index to find the section that is relevant to your question. ***Make a photocopy of the title page of your book and hand it in with your assignment.***

Find and list one or two UNDERLINE_FACTS from this book that will help you to answer your question.

1.

2.

Would this be a good book for your topic?

Explain why or why not.

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IV. What is your QUESTION about the topic? *(Same question as in Parts 1-3)*

SOURCE: EBSCOHost Academic Search Premier and MasterFILE Premier
*Be sure to select the full text box under Limit Your Results

Search Term(s): _____

Number of "hits" (results): _____

(Select one of the articles in "results" that you think will answer your question. Click on the full-text link of the article.)

Find and list one or two FACTS from this article that will help you to answer your question.

1.

2.

Would this be a good article for your topic?

Explain why or why not.

5. Citation Information:
a. Title of <u>article</u>:
b. Author:
c. Title of <u>Periodical</u> (magazine/newspaper):
d. Date:
e. Page(s):
f. Name of online database:
g. Date you accessed this article:

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V. What is your QUESTION about the topic? (Same as in Parts 1-4*)*

SOURCE: Internet

1. Search Engine Used: _____
   Search Term(s): _____
   Number of hits (results): _____

Select one of the results that you think will answer your question. Link to that source.

What is the electronic ADDRESS (URL) of the website you selected?

Find and list one or two FACTS from this website that will help you to answer your question.

1.

2.

Would this be a good website for your topic?

Explain why or why not.

Citation Information:

a. Title of the website:

b. Name of the author or organization (if available*):*

c. Date of creation or latest update (if available):

d. Name of any institution or organization sponsoring or associated with the website:

e. Date you accessed this website:

Topic/Question:

What difficulties did you encounter in completing this exercise?

How do you think this Information Literacy Project will help you to research a future topic?

Information Literacy Research Project: Evaluation Rubric

TOPIC/CRITERIA   **SCORE**

Selected topic from approved list, narrowed topic and formatted a question   _____
GOOD (10 pts): Clearly formatted a legitimate research question based on topic
FAIR (5 pts): Attempted to formulate legitimate research question
POOR / DID NOT COMPLETE (0 pts)

Used same topic and question throughout project   _____

YES (5 pts)   NO (0 pts)

Provided photocopy of title page of a book from the EMCC Library   _____

YES (5 pts)   NO (0 pts)

Project Evaluation   _____

GOOD (5 pts): Answer shows thought and is logical based on the work shown
FAIR (2 pts): Answer shows limited thought and logic
POOR / DID NOT COMPLETE (0 pts): Answer shows little effort

For the following criteria, score separately for each source:
1) Credo Reference   2) Opposing Viewpoints   3) Catalog   4) EBSCOHost   5) Internet

Gave facts from each resource to support topic or question   1 _____
     2 _____
GOOD (5 pts): gave relevant facts that provide answer to question or support topic   3 _____
FAIR (2 pts): facts have limited relationship to topic; generalization with no details   4 _____
POOR / DID NOT COMPLETE (0 pts)   5 _____

Evaluation of resources   1 _____
     2 _____
GOOD (5 pts): Answer shows thought and discrimination   3 _____
FAIR (2 pts): Answer shows little thought or reasoning   4 _____
POOR / DID NOT COMPLETE (0 pts)   5 _____

Citation Information   1 _____
     2 _____
GOOD (5 pts): Accurately filled in most or all information   3 _____
FAIR (2 pts): Partial accuracy or partial effort   4 _____
POOR / DID NOT COMPLETE (0 pts)   5 _____

                                        TOTAL SCORE: _____ **/100**

COMMENTS: