

Getting Started - BiblioBouts instructions for this week

1. Go to <http://bibliobouts.org> and log in. You should see an invitation to the game LIB199 Winter11 (if it's not on your dashboard then check your pdx.edu email). Accept the invitation to get started with the game!

Please use a recognizable part of your real name in your "alias" for BiblioBouts. That way, we will know who you are when you get your amazing high score and we will be able to make your grade reflect all your hard work! :) You can change your alias under "edit profile" in the left-hand nav bar.

2. We will play the Donor and Closer bouts concurrently this week and next week (weeks 6 & 7). In the Donor bout we will be searching the web and online library databases to find 8 relevant citations and full-texts on the topic in play and saving them in Zotero. In the Closer bout each player reviews the sources you found and decides which 5 of these are the best ones to put into the pool.

Here are a few strategy tips:

- **Think like a disciplinary expert.** Instead of getting surface-level information from Wikipedia et al, use the information resources that experts use. Becoming an expert means using information written by professionals, scholars, and scientists in the academic disciplines and professions - in the library's databases or on the web.
- **Evaluate your sources.** Do you know how to distinguish between surface-level (or popular) information and scholarly information?
- **Try subject databases.** In addition to multidisciplinary databases such as Academic Search Complete, you might find good info in subject-specific databases such as Education Full Text, PsycINFO, or Social Services Abstracts.
- **Try alternative keywords.** Here are some examples of alternate terms to use for the age group we chose: teen*, teenager*, adolescent*, minor, juvenile, underage, high school, secondary school. How could you express the concept of "drug use" using alternate terms? How do the experts talk about this concept?
Do you have a third concept to add to the search that you need to brainstorm keywords for as well?

3. Your participation in this game will contribute up to 20% of your final grade for the course. You can earn 5 points per bout for meeting the quota and up to 2 bonus points per bout for getting a high score. Here is a complete scoring breakdown for the Donor and Closer bouts:

Donor	Closer	Your Grade
8 sources	5 sources	5
6-7 sources	4 sources	4
4-5 sources	3 sources	3
2-3 sources	2 sources	2
1 source	1 source	1
0 sources	0 sources	0
Top 10 scores	Top 10 scores	+2 bonus points
Top 11-20 scores	Top 11-20 scores	+1 bonus point