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Worksheet: Disciplinary Literacies

Library Workshop

Part 1: Professional Organization Websites

Directions: Go to Google and look for a professional association in your field. Search “professional organization” or “professional association” with the name of your profession, discipline, or area of study. Choose one organization’s site to look at more closely. Respond to the following questions:

- Copy and paste URL of the website, so you can revisit it later when you need to write the citation for it for your Disciplinary Literacies Assignment.
- What types of information are located on this site? Are there upcoming events? Job postings?
- Write down any topics or issues being discussed in your field that catch your interest.

Part 2: Finding Scholarly Articles

Directions:

- **SEARCH BY TOPIC:** Go to the MSU Library website (<http://lib.msu.edu>) and search for a scholarly, peer-reviewed article involving an issue, topic or aspect of your field.
 - Use the Articles search linked below the main search box
 - Under “Refine Results,” click “Peer Reviewed” and select “Academic Journals”
- **OR:**
- **BROWSE BY FIELD OR DISCIPLINE:** Using BrowZine (<https://browzine.com/libraries/118/subjects>) to look through journals in your field, find a scholarly, peer-reviewed article involving an issue, topic or aspect of your field.
- E-mail yourself a link to the article, or copy the citation in the style that you’re using.

Part 3: Finding Popular Articles (do this part only if you finish part 2)

Directions:

- **SEARCH the NYTIMES:** Go to the NYTimes Guide (<https://libguides.lib.msu.edu/c.php?g=1326957>) and follow the directions to set up a NYTimes account.
 - Log into the NYTimes website
 - Use the search bar in the upper left corner of the page to search for articles related to your profession/discipline.
- **OR SEARCH The Atlantic:** Go to The Atlantic Guide (<https://libguides.lib.msu.edu/c.php?g=1433119>) and follow the directions to log in with a group account.
- **OR SEARCH the internet** using your preferred internet search engine (Google, DuckDuckGo).
- E-mail yourself a link to the article, or copy the citation in the style that you're using.

Part 4: Find Trade Sources

Directions:

- **SEARCH in a library resource:**
 - [Academic Search Complete](#) (use the filters on the left side of the screen)
 - [MSU Article Search](#) (linked below main search bar)
 - Try filters like "news" or "magazine"
- **OR EXPLORE professional organization websites further**
 - Look for trade magazines. If you can't access them on the organization's website, you can use the libraries [Journal & Newspaper Search](#) to see if we have a subscription.
- E-mail yourself a link to the article, or copy the citation in the style that you're using.