

3.093 Database Searching Worksheet
In Class November 21

Searching Databases in Various Disciplines

Work with your partner to identify the 2 best databases to search for the following topics. Start with Vera's subject list of databases. Whenever possible, use the database's Advanced search mode and thesaurus for the most powerful search methods. Fill out the worksheet below.

Please ask for assistance when you need it. Each database works a bit differently and we can show you some tips on using each effectively.

Topic #1: How has rap/hip hop music been affected by censorship/freedom of speech?

Which databases are most appropriate for this topic? _____

Write down subject headings for this topic: _____

What is your search strategy? _____

How many results did you get? _____ Are they what you expect? _____

Can you refine your search strategy to get better results? _____

Write down two relevant citations on this topic:

Does MIT own the journals? _____

Topic #2: Are single sex schools more beneficial to students' academic achievement?

Which databases are most appropriate for this topic? _____

Write down subject headings for this topic: _____

Write down your search strategy: _____

How many results did you get? _____ Are they what you expect? _____

How can you refine your search strategy to get better results? _____

Write down two relevant citations on this topic:

Does MIT own the journals? _____

Topic #3: How has Dan Brown's book, The Da Vinci Code, been received by critics?

Which databases are most appropriate for this topic? _____

Write down subject headings for this topic: _____

Write down your search strategy: _____

How many results did you get? _____ Are they what you expect? _____

How can you refine your search strategy to get better results? _____

Write down two relevant citations on this topic:

Does MIT own the journals? _____