ENGL 1301 Library Project

Summary: The English 1301 Library Project is designed to help students learn to navigate some of the basic library resources and introduce them to MLA citation style, used for documenting sources in English and other humanities courses. Submit this sheet and typed MLA citations to instructor by date due.

1. Using the Library Catalog – Author search
Find a book that is available at your library written by your assigned author. Provide the following:
A. Material type (circle one): Book E-book Ref-book
B. Title, subtitle, and edition (if available):
C. Publication city and company:
D. Year of publication:

2. Using the Library Catalog – Subject search
Find a book that is available at your library written about your assigned author. Provide the following:
A. Material type (circle one): Book E-book Ref-book
B. Author(s):
C. Title, subtitle, and edition (if available):
D. Publication city and company:
E. Year of publication:

Use the library database Academic Search Complete to search for scholarly, full-text articles about your author’s life and works. How many articles did the database find for this search? ______
Choose one article from the results and provide the following:
A. Author(s):
B. Title of article:
C. Title of journal:
D. Volume, issue, and year of publication:
E. Start-end page numbers:
4. Using Periodical Resources – Newspapers
Use the library database Opposing Viewpoints to locate a newspaper article about a controversial topic that interests you. Provide the following:
A. Author(s):

B. Title of article:

C. Title of newspaper:

D. Date of publication:

E. Start-end page numbers and edition (if available):

Using the same controversial topic as in 4, use the library database Opposing Viewpoints to locate an article published in one of these weekly news magazines: Newsweek, National Review, or Macleans. Provide the following:
A. Author(s):

B. Title of article:

C. Title of magazine:

D. Date of publication:

E. Start-end page numbers (if available):

6. Creating MLA citations
Once you have answered all of the questions above, create a separate document using a Word program to format the citation information in MLA style for each of the 5 resources. Follow the example format provided in the library’s MLA handouts.

Author List (used for Project numbers 1, 2, and 3) Your instructor will assign one of these authors to you. Do not use your assigned author for numbers 4 and 5.