COLLEGE 102: LIBRARY ASSIGNMENT

TYPES OF INFORMATION SOURCES
1. Reference Sources (print or online)  
2. Magazines/Newspapers (articles)  
3. Books  
4. Scholarly Journals (articles)

Match the type of information source with its definition below (Write the number that corresponds to the source above):

― Thorough, edited, takes a long time to get published.
― Most current, good source for topics “in the news”
― Provides background information/overview, facts, statistics, or definitions. Can also provide a list of further reading
― Academic in nature, Includes current research and/or a review of articles, takes a long time to get published.

SCHOLARLY JOURNALS (S) VS. POPULAR MAGAZINE ARTICLES (P)
1. Rarely give full citations for sources ______
2. Are often refereed or peer reviewed ______
3. Uses scholarly or technical language ______
4. Written for the general public ______
5. Include a reference list or works cited page with full citations for sources ______
6. Use language easily understood by general readers ______
7. Tend to be longer articles about research ______
8. Are written by and for faculty, researchers or scholars ______

SELECTING APPROPRIATE INFORMATION SOURCES AVAILABLE IN THE LIBRARY
1. Reference Sources (print or online)  
2. Magazines/Newspapers (articles)  
3. Books (Circulating Collection)  
4. Scholarly Journals (articles)

To which type of source would you go to find information on the following (Write the number that corresponds to the source above):

- What are the major causes of World War II? ______
- How is global warming affecting Alaska? ______
- What short stories did Ernest Hemingway write? ______
- What is the controversy surrounding hip hop and censorship? ______
- How many women voted in the first election for which they were eligible? ______
DEVELOPING A SEARCH STRATEGY
Topics: global warming, school violence, hip hop, gun control, population growth, illegal immigration, animal testing

Select your Topic: _________________________________________________________________

What are Synonyms/Related Words for your topic: _____________________________________

What additional Search Terms could you use to narrow down your topic: ____________________________________________________________

How many results did you get when you:
1. Searched for your topic? ________________
2. Searched with quotation marks? ________________
3. Searched: the topic OR Synonym/Related Word? ________________
4. Searched: the topic AND additional Search Terms? ________________

FINDING BOOKS
Use the Triton College Online Book Catalog to find one book on your topic. Fill in the blanks below with the appropriate information specific to the book you have selected.

Author: ____________________________________________________________________________

Title: _____________________________________________________________________________

Call Number: _______________________________________________________________________

Subject: __________________________________________________________________________

Status _____________________________________________________________________________

FINDING ARTICLES
Using one of the electronic databases (EBSCOHost or INFOTrac), find one full text article on your topic and print the first page and attach it to this assignment.

Author: ____________________________________________________________________________

Title: _____________________________________________________________________________

Journal Name: _____________________________________________________________________

Date: ______________________________________________________________________________

Volume, Issue, Page numbers: _________________________________________________________

Explain the difference between an “abstract” and a “full text” article.

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How do you limit your results so that you only see articles available in full text?

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