

LIBRARY EXERCISE WORKSHEET

These exercises will reinforce what you learned during the library orientation. Ask a librarian at any time if you have any questions.

Name: _____

What topic are you researching? _____

If you do not yet have a topic, you can select a topic by browsing the library's Current Topics collection, by browsing through CQ Researcher, or by choosing a topic from the library's list of contemporary topics. The librarians can also help you choose a topic.

Getting Started: Background Sources

Find one good background source that covers your topic. This could be a CQ Researcher report or an encyclopedia. The librarians can help you locate an encyclopedia for your topic.

What background source did you find? _____

Finding Books

Do a keyword search in the library catalog to search for books on your topic.

What keywords did you try? _____

Find one good possibility. Write the title and call number below.

Title: _____

Call number: _____

Finding Magazine and Journal Articles

Use the library databases to locate one good, full text article on your topic. If you're not sure which database would be best for your topic, ask a librarian.

What keywords did you try? _____

Continued on reverse side.

Find one good possibility. Write the titles of the article and the author below.

Article title: _____

Author(s): _____

Evaluating Internet Sources

Run an Internet search for your topic. Choose any hit that looks promising from the first page of results. Write the title of the webpage and the URL (the website's address) below.

Title: _____

URL: _____

Review the questions on the library's "How to Evaluate Information" guide. Would you use this website for a college assignment? Why or why not?
