

FMS316/716LAA315/702 Library Session Pre-work

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This assignment was developed for a cross-listed Film & Media Studies and Latin American and Caribbean Studies course, but can be adapted to any subject area. It is intended to be assigned to students prior to an in-person library instruction session led by a librarian. The assignment asks students to describe their topic and its connection to the course content, complete some preliminary searching for sources, and reflect on the search process and credibility of the information they found. Students bring the completed assignment with them to the library instruction session and the librarian uses the responses to guide the discussion and introduce students to subject-specific search strategies.

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Name: _____

On 3/26, we will meet with a librarian in Watson Library to discuss resources and strategies that will be useful as you begin your research project in this class. In preparation for your library session, please complete the following:

1. Watch the videos about information source types located on Blackboard.
2. Select and view at least one of the “Search Tips” videos available on the Libraries’ Video Tutorials page: <https://lib.ku.edu/video-tutorials>
3. Review the prompt for your research project.
4. Answer the questions below. **This assignment is due at the beginning of class on 3/26.**

Part 1:

In 3-5 sentences, describe the topic you are interested in researching for this project. What do you hope to learn about this subject?

At this time, what connections can you make between your research topic and the films from this class?

Part 2:

1. List the source requirements for your research project in the space below:

2. Taking notes as you go, locate and print (or save) one of the sources required for the research project. You will be expected to discuss this source during class, so you should be able to retrieve it easily for reference. What type of source did you find?

3. Provide citation information for your source (e.g., article title, source title, author, etc.) in the space below.

