

Identifying & Evaluating Information Sources

Part 1: Practice with Sources

Conduct a library [library database](#) search using your research topic. Then do the following:

1. Filter by “Trade Publications” and review 2 different results. Look at the style of the articles, the language, any images or charts/graphs, or advertisements.
2. Filter by “Magazines” and review 2 different results. Look at the style of the articles, the language, any images or charts/graphs, or advertisements.
3. Filter by “Academic Journals” and review 2 different results. Look at the style of the articles, the language, any images or charts/graphs, or advertisements.

Select 1 Academic Journal source and 1 other source (magazine or trade journal) from your results. Write the differences you noticed between the two sources:

Part 2: Your Project Sources

Consider the sources you’ve found so far with your research topic. What types of sources do you need to complete your project?

1. What are your project requirements? (Scholarly, original, primary, secondary, any other requirements?)
2. What types of databases and web sources will you need to consult to find your sources?
3. Remember to use the 5W’s to help you evaluate your sources! Go back in the module if you need to review.