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**Introduction to Research and the Monroe Library**

For Dr. Clark’s First Year Seminar: Music and Politics  
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**Goals**
- Locate a book, an article from a library database, and website using effective search strategies  
- Practice making MLA-style citations to avoid plagiarism  
- Evaluate a website for reliability  
- Evaluate sources for relevance in the assessment of music and politics

**Instructions**
- Type your responses to the prompts below  
- Bring this worksheet and accompanying materials to the next class  
- Be prepared to discuss your answers in class

Note: all resources are linked on the course Research Guide at  
[http://researchguides.loyno.edu/MUGN-T121-F01](http://researchguides.loyno.edu/MUGN-T121-F01)

**Articles**

Describe your process for locating an article in [Academic Search Complete](http://researchguides.loyno.edu/MUGN-T121-F01), [International Index to Music Periodicals Full Text](http://researchguides.loyno.edu/MUGN-T121-F01), or [JSTOR](http://researchguides.loyno.edu/MUGN-T121-F01). Which database is more helpful for finding an article on your topic? Why?

What were your search terms? What search term connectors did you use (AND, OR, NOT) if at all? Did you use phrase (“political songs”) searching? What search strategy was most effective?

Create a citation for the article you found. Refer to the Purdue Online Writing Lab’s [APA Reference List: Electronic Sources](http://researchguides.loyno.edu/MUGN-T121-F01), [Chicago: Web Sources](http://researchguides.loyno.edu/MUGN-T121-F01), or [MLA Works Cited: Electronic Sources](http://researchguides.loyno.edu/MUGN-T121-F01) page.

Print out a copy of the article you’ve found. What is the article about? What was something new you learned from the article? How does this article relate to your assessment of music and politics?
**Websites**

Search the internet for a website or webpage related to your topic. What search engine did you use? How easy or hard was it to find a relevant website/webpage?

Create a citation for the website/webpage you found. Refer to the Purdue Online Writing Lab’s APA Reference List: Electronic Sources, Chicago: Web Sources, or MLA Works Cited: Electronic Sources page. Make sure to look at different ways to cite an entire website versus a single page on a website.

How do you know if the website/webpage you've found is reliable? Evaluate the website in terms of accuracy, authority, objectivity, currency, and coverage.

What is the website/webpage about? What was something new you learned from the website/webpage? How does this website/webpage relate to your assessment of music and politics?

**Books**

Describe your process for locating a book in the Monroe Library catalog. What were your search terms? What search term connectors did you use (AND, OR, NOT) if at all? What search strategy was most effective?

Create a citation for the book you found. Refer to the Purdue Online Writing Lab’s APA Reference Lists: Books page, Chicago: Books page, or the MLA Works Cited Page: Books page. Or if you would prefer, Loyola’s Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) also has style guides.

Locate the book that you’ve found. What is the call number for your book? Where was it located in the library?
What is the book about? What was something new you learned from the book? How does this book relate to your assessment of music and politics?

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What questions do you still have about your topic? How might you get answers?

What other questions do you have about the library or research?