Evaluating Sources

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Learning Targets

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- Evaluate sources for validity & accuracy using the form provided.
- Properly cite selected sources using MLA format.

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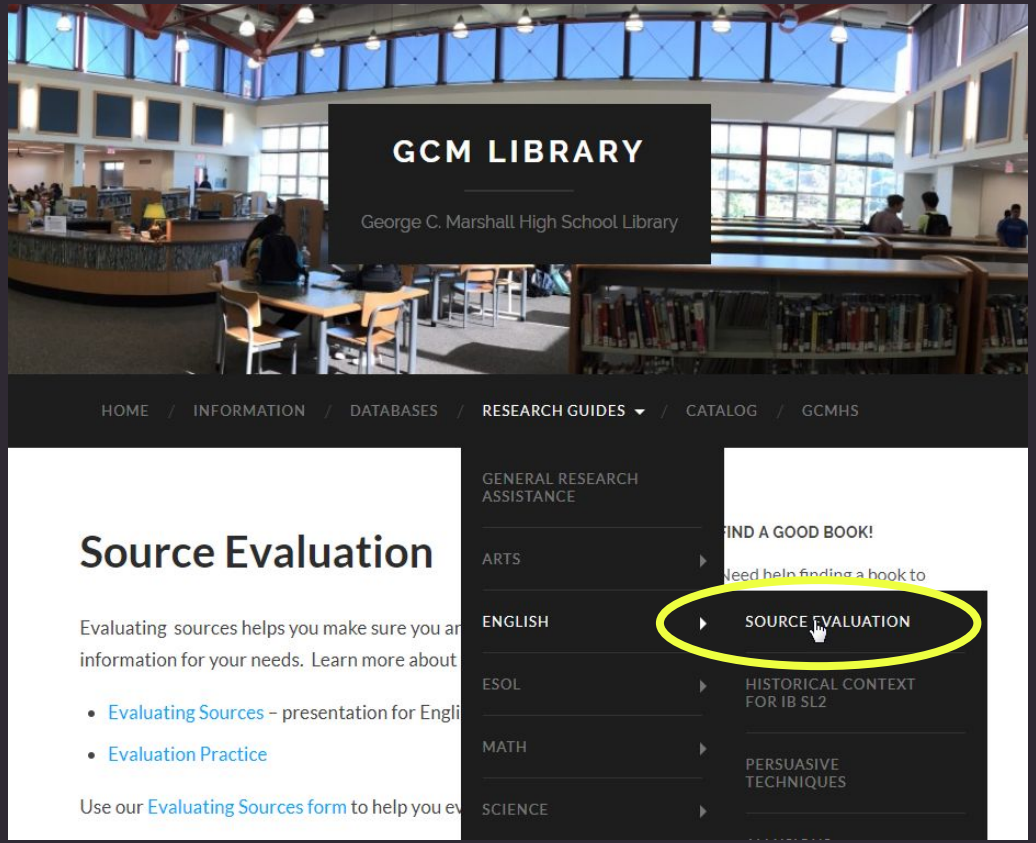

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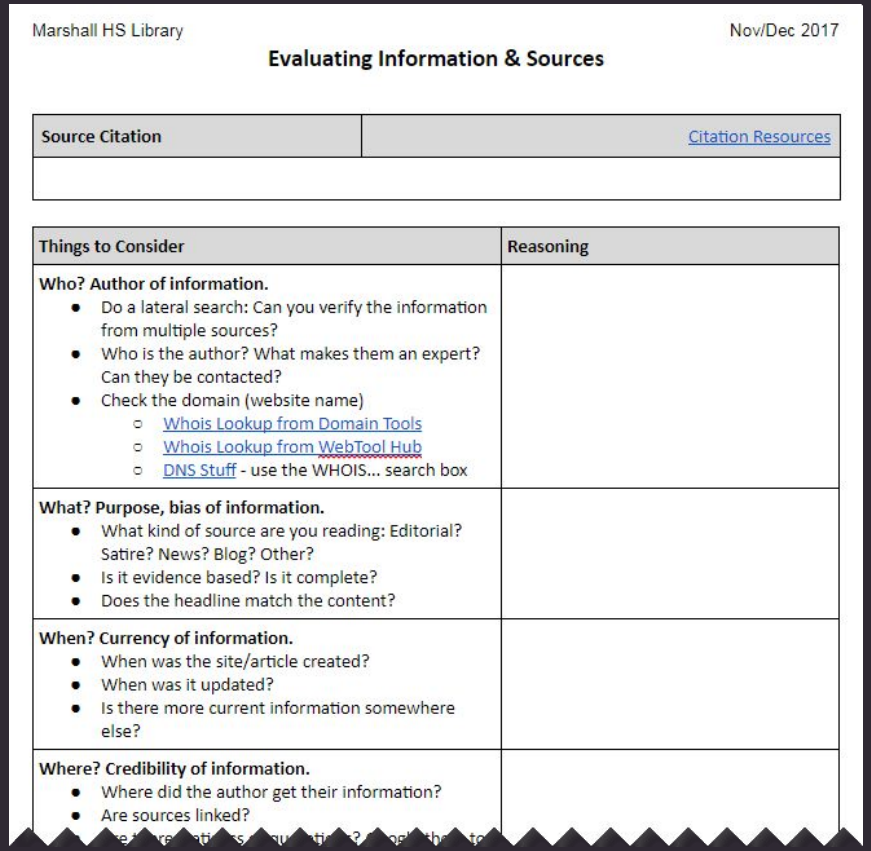
Things to Consider



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Evaluating Information & Sources

Source Citation	Citation Resources

Things to Consider	Reasoning

Who? Author of information.
• Do a lateral search: Can you verify the information from multiple sources?
• Who is the author? What makes them an expert? Can they be contacted?
• Check the domain (website name)
  ○ Whois Lookup from Domain Tools
  ○ Whois Lookup from WebTool Hub
  ○ DNS Stuff - use the WHOIS... search box	

What? Purpose, bias of information. • What kind of source are you reading: Editorial? Satire? News? Blog? Other? • Is it evidence based? Is it complete? • Does the headline match the content?	
When? Currency of information. • When was the site/article created? • When was it updated? • Is there more current information somewhere else?	
Where? Credibility of information. • Where did the author get their information? • Are sources linked?	

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Evaluating Sources form

Practice Evaluation

- Work with a partner
- Complete the Evaluation Practice

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Evaluation Practice

Discussion

- What was easy?
- What was hard?
- Was there a “right” source?

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  - Advanced search
- Databases by Subject
- Ask a Librarian

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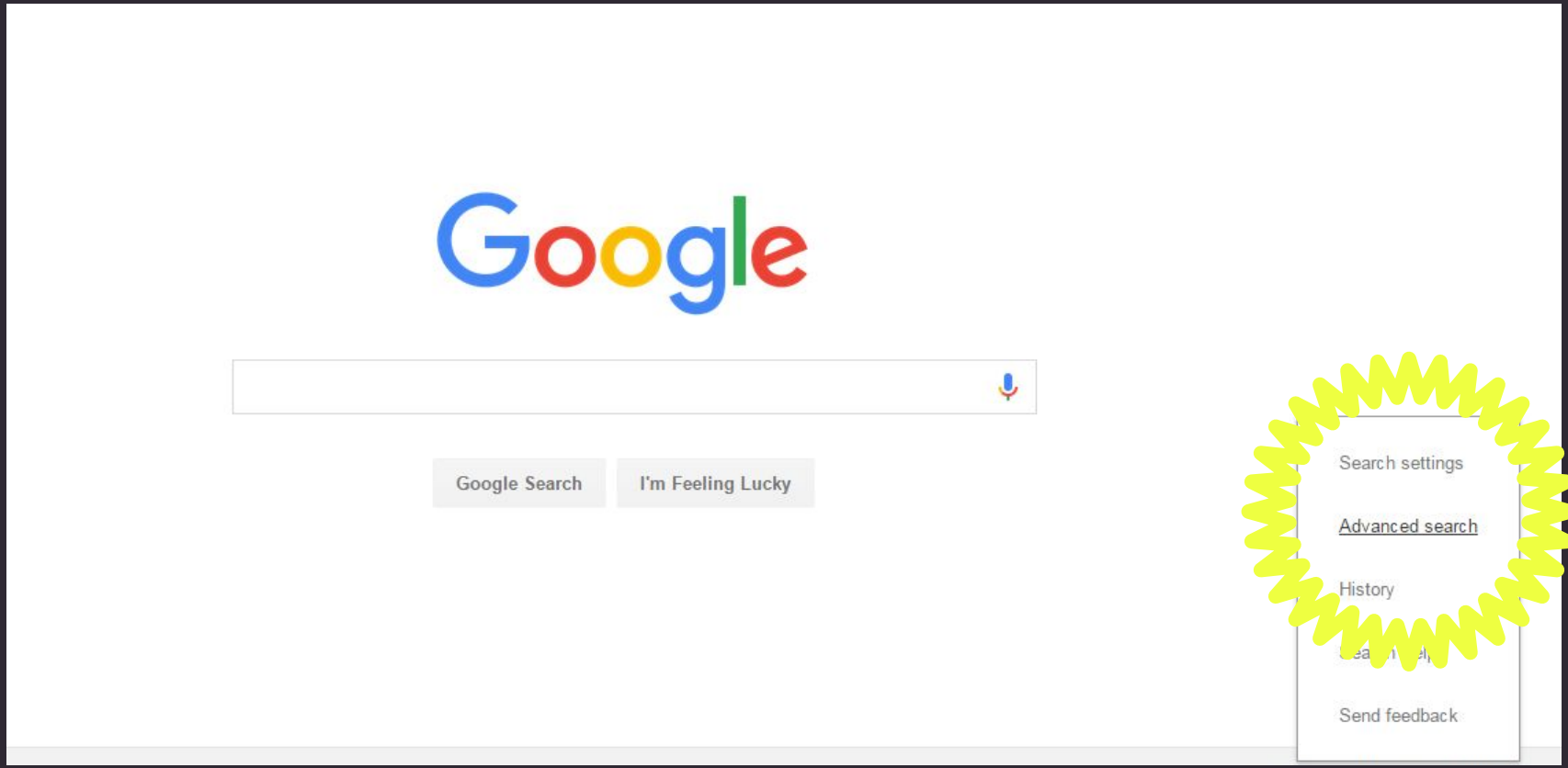

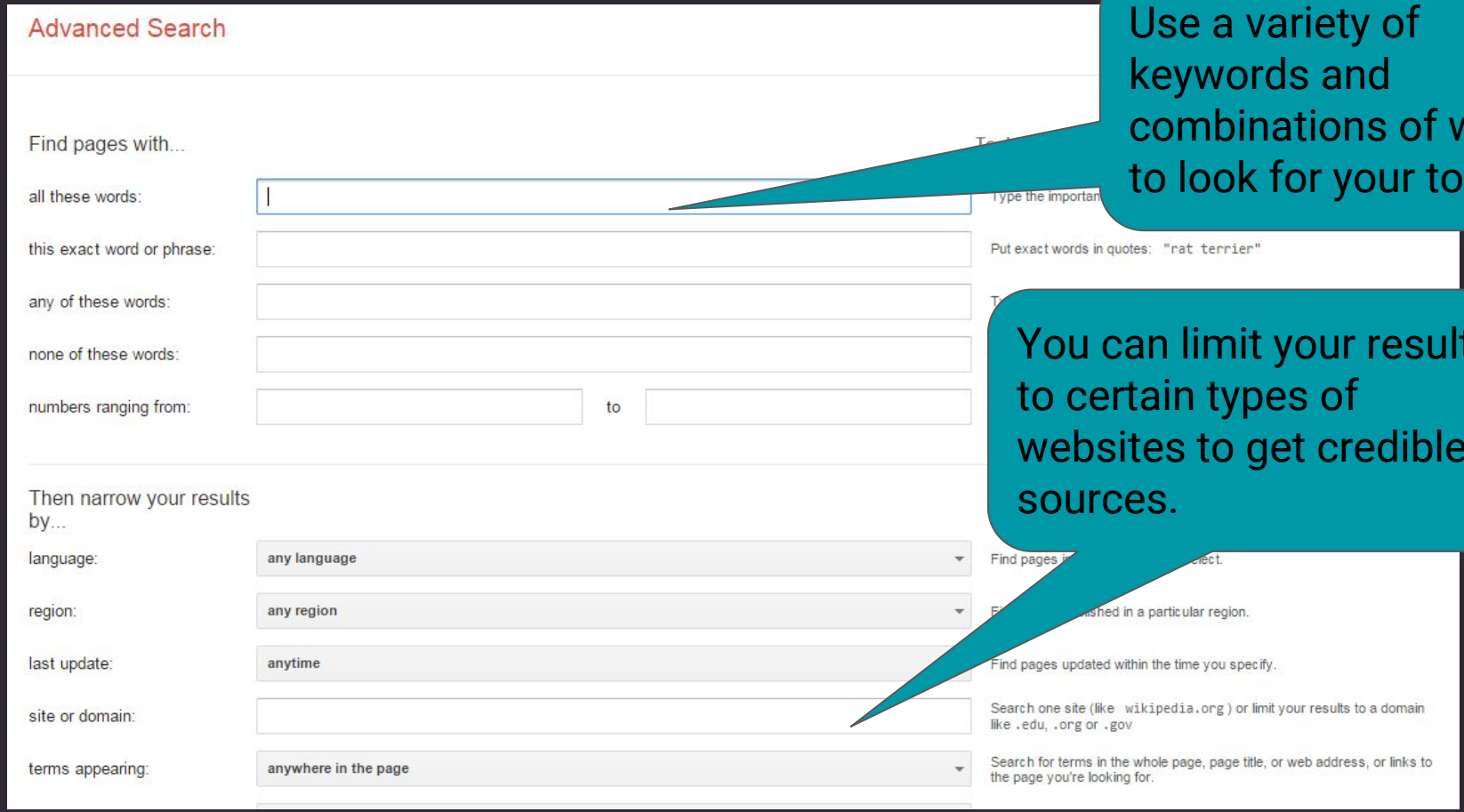
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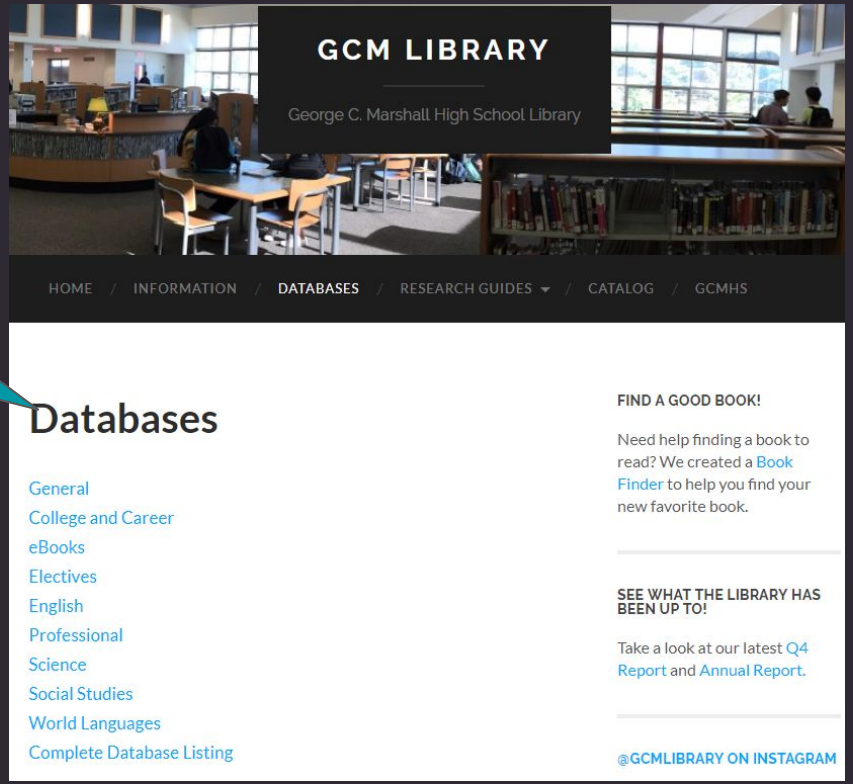
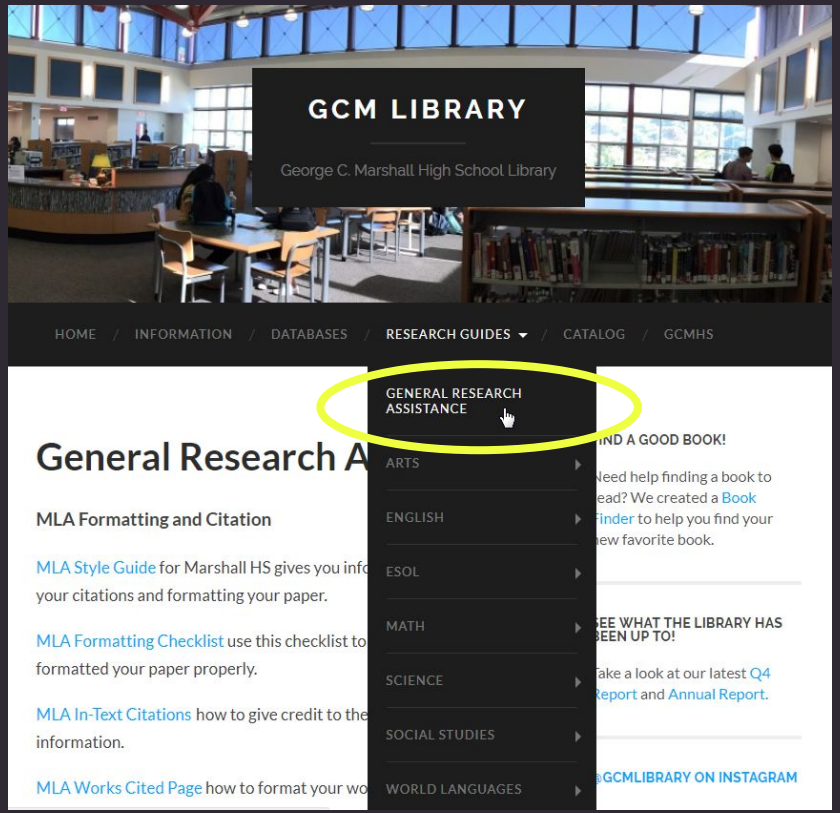


Cite Your Sources



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