

Evaluating Sources



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Learning Targets

- Access a variety of sources relevant to your individual research questions.
- Evaluate sources for validity & accuracy using the form provided.
- Properly cite selected sources using MLA format.

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- [Evaluation Practice](#)

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Things to Consider

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Source Citation	Citation Resources

Things to Consider	Reasoning
Who? Author of information. <ul style="list-style-type: none">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)<ul style="list-style-type: none">Whois Lookup from Domain ToolsWhois Lookup from WebTool HubDNS Stuff - use the WHOIS... search box	
What? Purpose, bias of information. <ul style="list-style-type: none">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. <ul style="list-style-type: none">When was the site/article created?When was it updated?Is there more current information somewhere else?	
Where? Credibility of information. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Where did the author get their information?Are sources linked?	

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Source Evaluation



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?**

Searching

- **Google**
 - **Advanced search**
- **Databases by Subject**
- **Ask a Librarian**



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this exact word or phrase:

any of these words:

none of these words:

numbers ranging from:

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Then narrow your results
by...

language:

any language

region:

any region

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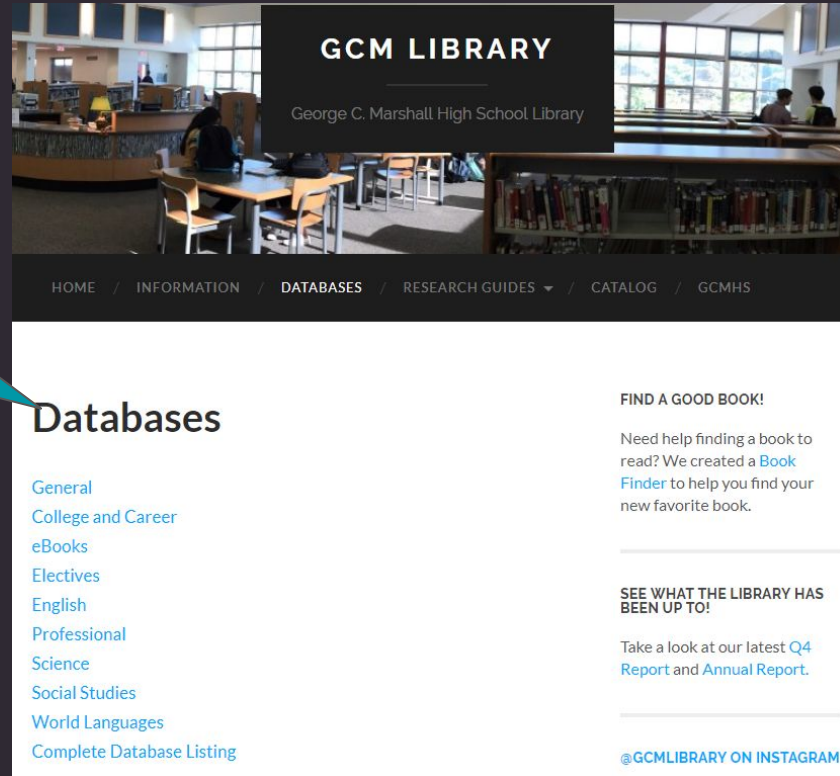
anywhere in the page

Use a variety of keywords and combinations of words to look for your topic.

You can limit your results to certain types of websites to get credible sources.

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Select from the subject heading that works best for your topic.



The screenshot shows the GCM Library website's Databases page. The header features a dark banner with the text "GCM LIBRARY" and "George C. Marshall High School Library" over a background image of a library interior. Below the banner is a navigation menu with links for HOME, INFORMATION, DATABASES, RESEARCH GUIDES, CATALOG, and GCMHS. The main content area is titled "Databases" and lists various subject categories: General, College and Career, eBooks, Electives, English, Professional, Science, Social Studies, World Languages, and Complete Database Listing. On the right side, there are two promotional sections: "FIND A GOOD BOOK!" which mentions a "Book Finder" tool, and "SEE WHAT THE LIBRARY HAS BEEN UP TO!" which mentions a "Q4 Report and Annual Report". At the bottom right, there is a social media link for "@GCMLIBRARY ON INSTAGRAM".

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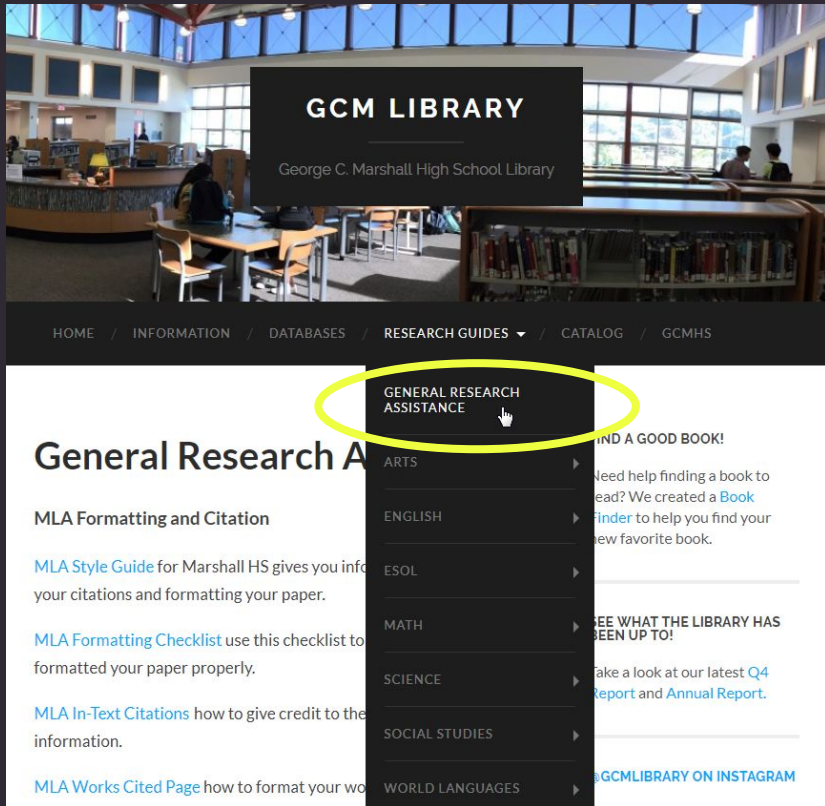
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