

# Evaluating Sources



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# Learning Targets

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- I will properly cite selected sources using MLA format.

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## Source Evaluation

# 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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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?

# Searching

- **Google**
  - **Advanced search**
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- **Ask a Librarian**



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all these words:

Type the important words: tricolor rat terrier

this exact word or phrase:

Put exact words in quotes: "rat terrier"

any of these words:

Type OR between all the words you want: miniature OR standard

none of these words:

Put a minus sign just before words you don't want:  
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Then narrow your results  
by...

language:

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Find pages in the

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Find pages in a

last update:

anytime

Find pages updated within the time you specify..

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Search one site (like wikipedia.org) or limit your results to a domain  
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terms appearing:

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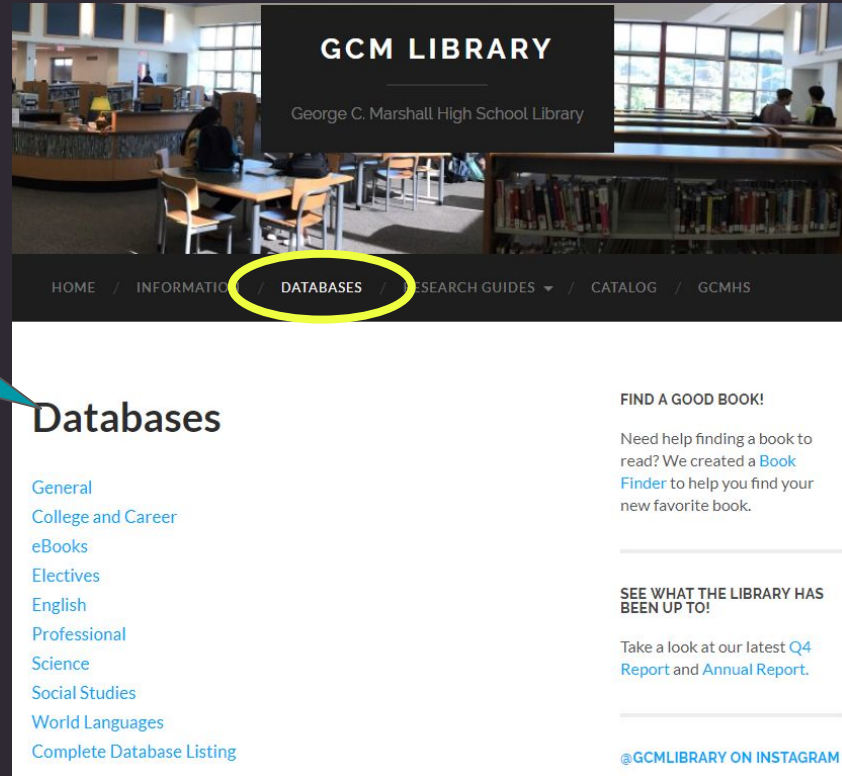
Search for terms in the whole page, page title, or web address, or links to  
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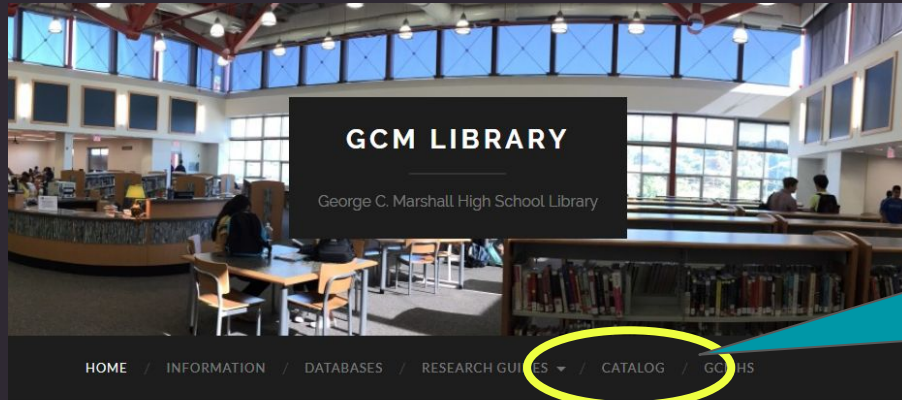
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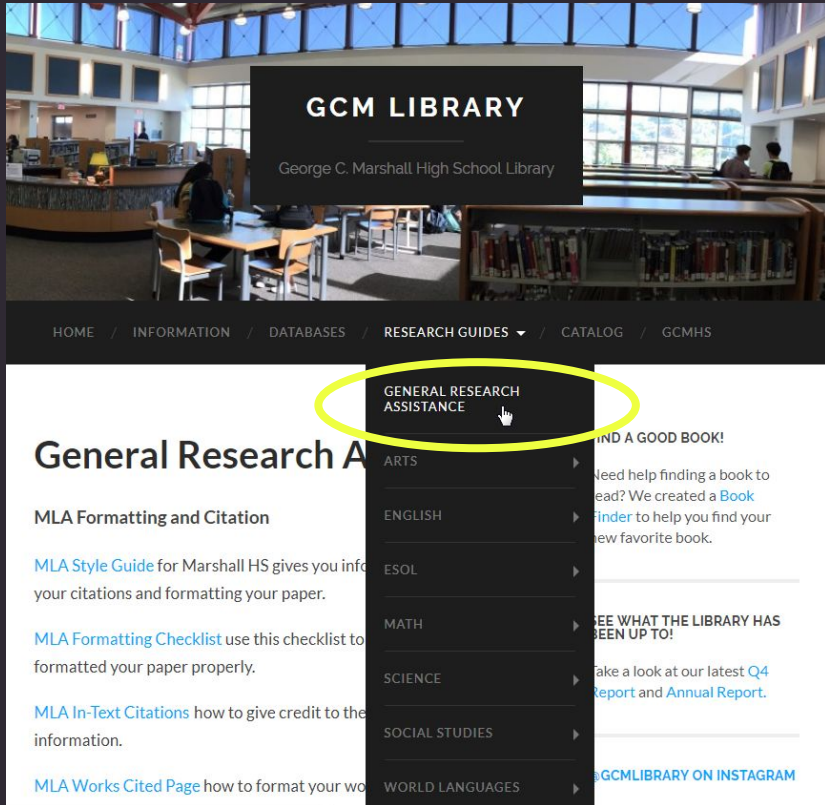
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# Exit Ticket

Use this link to access the exit ticket

[tinyurl.com/GCMEval18](https://tinyurl.com/GCMEval18)



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