SA 100 – Perspectives on Canadian Society - Library Workshop

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Objectives

- Differentiate between scholarly & popular sources
- Create “concept maps” for a topic
- Develop search strategies using keywords
- Use databases for Sociology / Anthropology
Topic: Residential schools

Who may have published on this topic?

Discuss with person next to you (5 mins)
Who might publish

- Scholars
- Government
- Associations
- News Media
- Non-governmental organizations (NGOs)
- Self-publishing
- Others
Scholarly / Peer-reviewed / Academic

- Written by scholars for scholars
- Reviewed by peers of the discipline before publication
- Usually have bibliographies
Identify the Scholarly Conversations

- Critiques
- Debates
- Frameworks
- Methodologies
- Theories
A Few Entry Points to Scholarly Debates

- Overview Sources (encyclopedia for discipline)
- Scholarly Books
- Journal Articles (scholarly)
- Literature Reviews
- Bibliographies
- New Dissertations
- Conferences
Popular

- Written by journalists and others
- Audience is the general public
Grey Literature

- Government
- Non-governmental / Advocacy organisations (NGOs)
- Think tanks / Research Institutes
Which Perspective(s)

- Voice of the group being studied
- Scholarly
- Government
- “Popular” Literature
Create a “Concept Map” Before Searching

**Topic:** Cultural appropriation of aboriginal culture

*Concept 1:* cultural appropriation

*Concept 2:* aboriginal culture
Find “synonyms” or “related words”

Cultural appropriation

cultur*
culture or cultures or cultural or culturally

appropriat *
appropriate(s) or appropriated or appropriating or steal*
Synonyms / Related Words conti…

aborig* or indigen* or “First Nations” or native*

Could also use additional terms such as:

- Names of specific aboriginal groups (“Coast Salish”)
- Names of cultural object(s) (Inuksuk)
- Names of specific artist(s) (Norval Morriseau)

- Note: Asterisk (*) for various endings of a “root” word
  Quotation marks (“___”) to search for a “phrase”
Topic: Employment for visible minorities in Canada

Identify key concepts

Write down synonyms / alternate terms for each concept
**Concept Map** conti....

**Topic:** Employment for visible minorities in Canada

**Concept 1:** employ* or job* or work*

**Concept 2:** “visible minorit*” or “women of color” or “immigrant*” or (a group’s name)

**Concept 3:** Canad* or British Columbia or BC
Create a “Concept Map” For Your Research Topic (5 mins)
Scholarly articles

World of information

Start with databases for a discipline
Time Saving Search Strategies

- Search the *databases* of a discipline for scholarly articles
- Use *Catalogue Search* for scholarly books
- Use *bibliographies* of relevant sources to identify more sources
Library Guides by Subject

Help / Research guides by subject & course

Research guides: Find materials/sources by subject & course

See also:
- Research guides by type or format of publication
- Guides on writing papers and citing sources
- Tutorials
- Start your research here: an overview of the research process
- Librarians and their subject areas (liaison librarians)

A
- African Diaspora
- Anthropology
- Archaeology
- Asia-Canada Studies

B
- Biological Sciences
- Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology
- Business
Library guide SA 100

https://www.lib.sfu.ca/help/research-assistance/subject/anthropology/sa100
Selected Databases

- **Bibliography of Native North Americans**
  - Focus on aboriginal issues

- **Anthropology Plus**
  - Ethnographies, anthropology journals

- **Sociological Abstracts**
  - Sociological journals, conferences, book reviews
Selected Databases conti...

- CBCA – Canadian Business & Current Affairs
  - Journals (scholarly & popular)

- Canadian Research Index
  - Government reports

- Canadian Newsstream
  - Canadian Newspapers & Newswire sources
Catalogue Search (not the general search engine)
“Catalogue Search” (Advanced)

- “Sign-in” to see your library record, recall books, request material through “Inter-library-Loan (ILL)”

- Use capital letters (OR, AND) to combine concepts

- Use Citation Finder / ILL tab to request material not at SFU Library

- Use “Browse” by “Title” to find books by title
Catalogue Search conti...

- **“Pin”** to track books or articles of interest (need to “sign-in”)
- **“Cite”** (to find citation using APA, MLA, Chicago styles)
- **Limit search results** by “Subject”, “Language”, “Availability in the Library”, “Resource Type” (articles, books, media, dissertations, etc.)
- Use a relevant book, **click on its linked “Subjects”** to find other books on the same topic
Catalogue Search

Topic: Child poverty in Canada

(child* OR youth OR adolescence*)

AND

(poverty OR poor OR “low income”)

AND

(race OR “visible minority” OR immigrant*)

AND

(Canada OR British Columbia OR BC)
Evaluate Information

- Is the **author a recognized expert** in the area?
- Does the information **seem credible** based on other sources that you've read?
- Who is the **intended audience** for this resource?
- **How recently** was this resource published or last updated?
- Are the **author's sources clearly cited** (are there references or a bibliography)?
Cite Sources

- Plagirism Tutorial
  - Understanding and avoiding plagiarism
    http://www.lib.sfu.ca/help/academic-integrity/plagiarism-tutorial

- Citation Management Software and Tools
  - Zotero or Mendeley
    http://www.lib.sfu.ca/find/research-tools/citation-software

- For help, email
  - citation-managers@sfu.ca
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  Writing help: (http://www.lib.sfu.ca/about/branches-depts/slc/writing)

- **Guide SA 100**
  (http://www.lib.sfu.ca/help/research-assistance/subject/anthropology/sa100)