

Knowledge Base Pre-Test

This test is intended to provide me with a sense of what students know about literary research when they enter ENGL 201. It is based upon the [LES Draft Research Competency Guidelines for Literatures in English](#) prepared by the Literatures in English section (LES) of the Association of College and Research Libraries.

These skills should have been learned at the undergraduate level, according to the ACRL.

Use your clicker to indicate your answer.

What is the difference between a primary and a secondary source?

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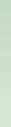


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Name three means by which scholars make their research available to other scholars.

1. Internet, bulletin boards at the supermarket and shouting from street corners.
2. Journals, conferences, monographs.
3. Blogs, wikis, myspace.

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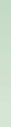


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What are the three essential categories of information that are provided (if available) in a bibliographic citation of a book?

1. Birthday, sign, hair color.
2. No. of pages, author's name, address of publisher.
3. Author's name, title of book, year published.

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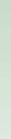


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What does it mean for a publication to be “peer-reviewed”?

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2. Roommate proofread it.
3. Classmate double-checked the citations.
4. A peer reads, reviews & comments.

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What constitutes an edition of a literary work?

1. Notes taken in the text.
2. Brother's blog postings
3. An edited collection with annotations and contents, put together by a scholar in the field.
4. Transcriptions posted online.

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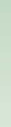


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Briefly describe the main steps in the printing process (that is, how a manuscript becomes a published book).

1. Author writes, editor edits, galleys set, pages proofed, pages printed, text block set.
2. Print from home computer and bind at Kinko's.
3. Use some ribbon through punched holes and tie into knots.

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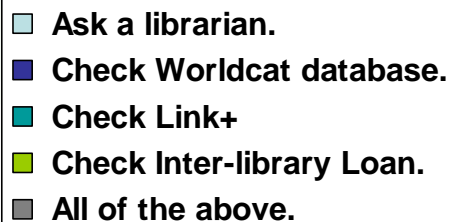


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You need to consult a book that the King library does not have. How do you find out what other libraries hold copies of the book you need? How do you get access to one of those copies?

1. Ask a librarian.
2. Check Worldcat database.
3. Check Link+
4. Check Inter-library Loan.
5. All of the above.

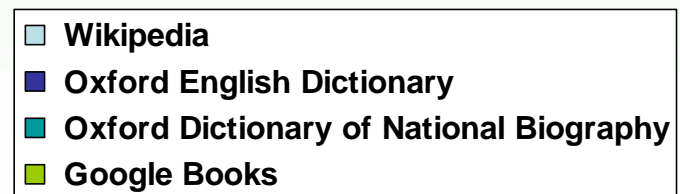
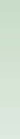
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Name a reference work, print or electronic, that would supply brief biographical and critical information about an author.

1. Wikipedia
2. Oxford English Dictionary
3. Oxford Dictionary of National Biography
4. Google Books

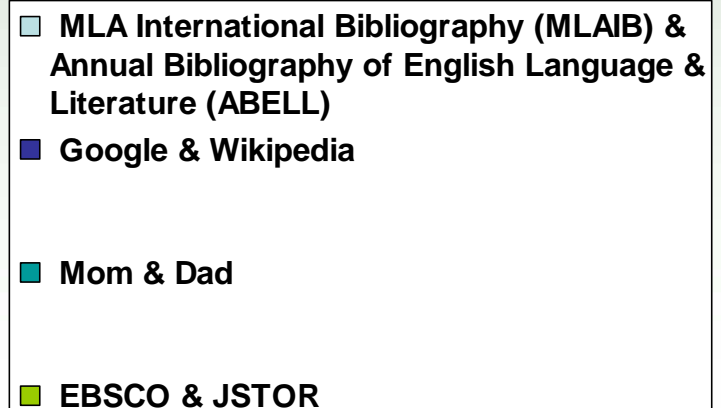
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Name two bibliographical indexes that are important for literary research.

1. MLA International Bibliography (MLAIB) & Annual Bibliography of English Language & Literature (ABELL)
2. Google & Wikipedia
3. Mom & Dad
4. EBSCO & JSTOR

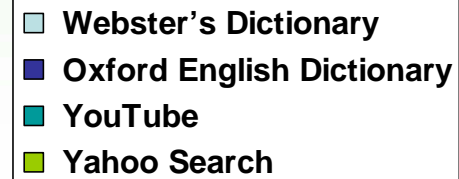
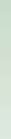
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How would you research historical changes in the usage or meaning of an English word?

1. Webster's Dictionary
2. Oxford English Dictionary
3. YouTube
4. Yahoo Search

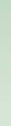
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What is Boolean searching?

1. Ghosts doing research.
2. Language used to join keywords
3. Using foreign languages to search foreign texts.

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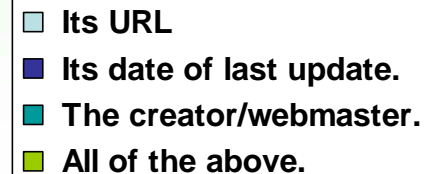


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How do you determine the credibility of an internet resource?

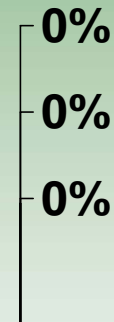
1. Its URL
2. Its date of last update.
3. The creator/webmaster.
4. All of the above.

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What is plagiarism?

1. Borrowing text and returning later with a note.
2. Using another person's work without citation
3. A well-used tool by America's undergraduates.



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How would you find out about academic opportunities, such as conferences or fellowships (other than those sponsored by SJSU)?

1. My next door neighbor.
2. The English Society
3. Calls for Papers listserv
4. English Department Office

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