

# LIBRARY RESEARCH WORKSHEET

## SUNY Oswego Honors Program

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Topic of thesis \_\_\_\_\_

Worksheet completion date \_\_\_\_\_

The primary purpose of this exercise is to familiarize you with library resources, facilities, and techniques. If you have trouble with any part of the assignment, be sure to ask for help from one of the research librarians.

1. Find general background information on your topic (and a bibliography) in an appropriate REFERENCE WORK.

Reference work title \_\_\_\_\_

Reference work article title \_\_\_\_\_

Article starts on page \_\_\_\_\_ and ends on page \_\_\_\_\_

From the bibliography (probably at the end of the reference work article), find the following in Penfield Library, doing a title search in the online catalog for book and journal titles.

One complete citation for an **appropriate book** on your topic (including call number):

Book title \_\_\_\_\_

Author(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Place of publication \_\_\_\_\_

Year of publication \_\_\_\_\_ Call number \_\_\_\_\_

One complete citation for an **appropriate journal article** on your topic:

Article Title \_\_\_\_\_

Author(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Journal Title \_\_\_\_\_

Volume number \_\_\_\_\_ Date of article \_\_\_\_\_

Article starts on page \_\_\_\_\_ and ends on page \_\_\_\_\_

2. Use the ONLINE CATALOG and find two more **books** appropriate to your topic. These may not be reference books nor may they be the book you cited above.

Book title \_\_\_\_\_

Author(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Year of publication \_\_\_\_\_ Call number \_\_\_\_\_

Book title \_\_\_\_\_

Author(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Year of publication \_\_\_\_\_ Call number \_\_\_\_\_

3. Use a GENERAL DATABASE to find an appropriate article on your topic. To do this, go to the Penfield Library website ([www.oswego.edu/library](http://www.oswego.edu/library)) and click on Research Guides by Subject. At the next screen, click on General and Interdisciplinary. Then, click on **any of the first 3 titles listed**. Enter the necessary information below.

Subject you typed in \_\_\_\_\_  
Title of article \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of author(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of journal \_\_\_\_\_  
Volume number \_\_\_\_\_ Date of article \_\_\_\_\_  
Article starts on page \_\_\_\_\_ and ends on page \_\_\_\_\_

4. Use TWO SPECIALIZED DATABASES relevant to your topic to find two additional articles on your topic. Again, at the Penfield Library website, click on Research Guides by Subject, then click on an appropriate guide, and then on an appropriate database. Enter the necessary information below.

Subject you typed in \_\_\_\_\_  
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I have examined this Library Research Worksheet, have discussed it with the student, and approve it as demonstrating a preliminary understanding of library resources in the student's thesis field.

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