

Testing and Templates: Building Effective Research Guides

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Student Task List

Version 1 (used with first 6 participants)

Course guide-specific

1. For your Art History (or “20th Century Art history”) class, you are writing a paper about Gerhard Richter, a contemporary German painter. Your professor wants you to use scholarly, academic **articles**. Find one article about Richter for your paper that meets this criteria using the library guides.

Subject based (open-ended)

2. For a design history class, you need to find an image of a chair designed by Charles Eames. You’ll be printing it and using it in a Powerpoint presentation to your class, so it needs to be good quality. Locate one image or resource you can use to find an appropriate image.
3. You’re taking a class on scriptwriting for an animation class. You’ve read parts of your textbook but want to learn more about storytelling for animation/animated films in general. Find a resource you can use in your paper using the research guides.
4. You’re taking a course in your discipline and want to learn what current professionals in your field/industry are writing about or working on. Locate a resource on your topic, published within the last 3 years.
5. You are taking a course in your discipline and need to learn more about the materials you’ll be using for your final design. Your professor wants you to use books or databases for this. Find a resource that meets these criteria using the guides.

Version 2 (used with final 4 participants)

Subject based (open-ended)

1. For an accessory design class, you need to find an image of a necklace designed by Harry Winston. You'll be printing it and using it in a Powerpoint presentation to your class, so it needs to be good quality. Locate one image or resource you can use to find an appropriate image.
2. You're taking a course in your discipline and want to learn what current professionals in your field/industry are writing about or working on. Locate a resource on your topic, published within the last 3 years.
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