ENG 152 Online Research Assignment

This assignment will demonstrate your ability to select and search databases effectively.

Directions:

Once you have your research topic and are ready to locate sources,

1. Go to the MCC Library web page at www.mchenry.edu/library
2. Click on Research Guides. Choose English from the list of Research Guides.
4. Select the All EBSCO Databases link in the Article Databases box.
5. Login with your myMCC login.
6. Select the EBSCO database(s) you think will be good for your topic. Tip: Academic Search Complete is good for about any topic. Add other databases you think might be good for yours.
7. Start searching, using whatever search techniques you have learned in this course that you think may result in good sources. Be sure to have viewed the videos from Step 3 in the Online ENG 152 Information Literacy Module so that you know how to properly set up a database search. We recommend that you use the Advanced Search Screen in the database. Don’t leave EBSCO or you will lose your search history which you will need to turn in for this assignment.
8. When finished (either you have found good sources or can’t find enough), click on the Ask a Librarian link in the upper right corner of the EBSCO screen. You will get a message page on which to send an email to the librarian.
9. On the message page, include:
   a. Your name/your instructor’s name
   b. Your email address (needed for credit for this assignment!)
   c. In the question space, write:
      i. Your topic
      ii. Brief paragraph about your search (problems you encountered, satisfaction with results, etc.) Be brief! You’re limited as to the length of your message.
      iii. Any questions you have if you were not able to find enough information on your topic. (Don’t hesitate to ask for help—That’s why the librarian is here!)
   d. Be sure the Include Current Search History box is checked so that the librarian and instructor can review your search. This is an important part of this assignment! You can review your search history if you like by scrolling down the page.
10. Click Send. This will send your assignment to the librarian who will respond to you (during hours the Library is open) with comments on your search and any research help you requested.
11. Forward the librarian’s response to your course instructor for credit for this assignment.

Note: While this assignment required you to use the EBSCO databases, you might need other databases as well for your papers depending on your topic. See The Right Search Tool for the Job video in Step 2 of the Online ENG 152 Information Literacy Module for more database selection tips.