

English B34 Final Exam

Name _____

Due at the beginning of class on: _____

Using the research topic you were assigned for this class, find an item relevant to this topic in each of the following categories. In addition to finding these resources, you are to make photocopies and printouts to demonstrate your ability to use and locate the materials. Type your responses and assemble your project papers and photocopies together in numerical order. When questions arise, consult your class pack first.

1. A typewritten **cover page** with your name, class number, instructor's name, and date. Use your research topic as the title.
2. Locate a relevant article in a **subject encyclopedia** that will give you background information on your topic.
 - a. Photocopy the title page of the encyclopedia and the first page of the article.
 - b. List three important facts that will be useful in researching this topic and include a parenthetical citation for each.
3. Locate and qualify a **relevant book** (This title should be closely related to your research topic).
 - a. Provide the following information: author, title, city of publication, publisher, publication date, and call number. Also, list the subject headings given to this book. (If there are more than three, pick the headings that are most closely related to the topic.) If you print out the catalog record for the book, you must label all the above listed items.
 - b. Evaluate the author using **Contemporary Authors** in **Gale Biography in Context** or **Gale Literature Resource Center**. If the author is not included in this source, search for the author's credentials on the Internet or in book reviews. Photocopy or print the appropriate pages. In your **written evaluation**, include the author's qualifications being sure to note important facts, such as degrees and work experience.
 - c. Evaluate the book using **Book Review Digest** or full-text reviews in *Gale Expanded Academic*, *Ebscohost*, or a reliable Internet source. The review must **evaluate** the book. Photocopy or print the appropriate pages containing the reviews. In your **written evaluation**, summarize *in your own words* what others have said about this book.
4. Locate and evaluate a relevant **periodical article** from **Gale Expanded Academic** or **Ebscohost**. The article must be **scholarly** and must be **available** in full-text or in the BC Library.
 - a. Print the page that shows your search. This should include all essential search terms (or a relevant subject heading). Use truncation and Boolean operators when necessary.
 - b. Print the first page of the article. Make certain that your print-out contains all the necessary citation information. (For PDF documents or articles owned by the BC library, you may need to printout the citation information on an additional page.)
 - c. Evaluate the reputation of the **journal** (that contains the article selected in 4b.) using **Magazines for Libraries**. Photocopy the review in *Magazines for Libraries*. If there is no review in *Magazines for Libraries*, locate reviews or information in *Gale Expanded Academic*, *Ebscohost*, or a reliable Internet source. Print the appropriate pages. In your written evaluation of the journal, summarize *in your own words* the purpose, reputation, the audience for whom it is intended, and its relevance to your topic.
5. Locate and evaluate a relevant **Internet site**. This site should be **suitable for college level** research.
 - a. Print the screen which shows the search engine you used to locate the webpage AND your search terms.
 - b. Print the first screen of the web page that contains the *specific* information relevant to your topic (not the site homepage).
 - c. Evaluate the site in a paragraph, indicating why it is a reliable source for college level research **using the web evaluation guidelines**. (Refer to the class pack.) Provide **specific** information to support your evaluation using the six criteria outlined in class.