Print Resources Assignment 3: Putting It All Together

Now that you have had a chance to explore the different types of resources located in the library, it is time to “put the pieces” together.

For this assignment, you will explore two different types of resources (a reference source and a periodical). You will be doing this “virtually,” that is, online.

Reference Book

The reference book that you will be exploring is the 2008 edition of “The New Biographical Dictionary of Film: Expanded and Updated.” To locate this virtual resource:

1. Go to Google Books at http://books.google.com
2. In the search box, type in the following (using quotations): “the new biographical dictionary of film: expanded and updated” and click the search books button (some people may see a magnifying glass in blue).
3. From the results, click on the appropriate link to bring up information about the book (NOTE: Be sure to select the 2008 edition; older and newer editions do not have a preview).

Please answer the following questions:

Who is the author? ____________________________________________________

Who is the publisher? (HINT: You will find the publisher listed on the cover):

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Now, please look for information about an actress, actor, producer, or director of your choice.

- (HINT: Enter the name in the search box on the left side of the screen (under the small picture of the book). Once you enter the name and click GO, you will see a listing of pages to the right of the screen. Click on one of the pages to bring up more information).

Here is an example:

Which actress, actor, producer, or director did you choose? Frank Capra

The name “Frank Capra” was entered into the search box on the left side of the screen and the GO button was clicked. The following pages appeared:

Click on one of the pages to the right to bring up more information.
Which actress, actor, producer, or director did you choose? _______________________________

List a fact about this person (it can be anything of your choosing, for example, where he/she grew up, movies associated with him/her, etc.):

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**Periodical (Scholarly or Popular)**

You will be using Google Scholar to search for a periodical article that includes the name of one of the following films:

Just pick one of the following films:

- Bowling for Columbine
- Raging Bull
- King Kong
- Roman Holiday
- Lawrence of Arabia
- Star Wars
- Poseidon Adventure
- Toy Story

To search for a periodical article using Google Scholar:

1. Go to Google Scholar at http://scholar.google.com
2. In the search box, type the name of the chosen movie. Be sure to put quotation marks around the title.
3. Click the magnifying glass icon in the blue box to start the search.

You will get a number of results. Do not use a result that has [citation] or [book] in front of the title link.

You will want to find an article that has full text; this can be found by looking on the right side of the screen for a link (usually a PDF, DOC, or HTML link). Click on this link to bring up the full text of an article. The article does not have to be specifically about the movie.

What movie did you choose? ________________________________________________________

What is the title of your article? ______________________________________________________

What is the name of the magazine or journal? ____________________________________________

Who is/are the author(s)? ____________________________________________________________

What is the date of publication? ______________________________________________________

Is the periodical appear scholarly (an academic journal) or is it a popular magazine?

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List a sentence that you found in the article:

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