Use “Search the Web” at http://www.cod.edu/library/research/searchTools/ to do this exercise.

1. Choose a topic in your discipline to research. Try out the searching options that Colin presented and that you have learned during past course sessions. Be sure to try Advanced Searching! Please describe (a paragraph or so) how you searched or what you typed into the search box, e.g. “College of DuPage” and demographics. What kinds of techniques did you use to get the best search results? What worked and what didn’t? What did you learn?

2. Try your search in Google Scholar. Did you get different search results? Describe (a paragraph or so) the differences and anything you note about locating the items you found.

3. Pick one Web site on your topic and evaluate it using at least two of following criteria: authority, purpose, currency, accuracy and presentation. Refer to the “Evaluating Web Sites” pages at http://www.cod.edu/library/research/faq/evalnet.htm

4. What did you learn about Internet searching or evaluating Web sites that you picked up as you did this exercise? What did you learn that you will use with your students?

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