COM 101 – Library Research Assignment #2

Name: ______________________

**Internet Sources vs. Library Sources**

Please use the resources located on the Com 101 Library Guide to help answer these questions:

[http://guides.boisestate.edu/com101](http://guides.boisestate.edu/com101)

Where do you typically start looking for information when you get an assignment that requires research? The most common answer among us will be “the Internet” and, more specifically, “Wikipedia.” This assignment will ask you to examine Wikipedia as an information resource and begin exploring Library resources by using the topic "SPORTS".

**Step 1**
Choose a topic that’s related to SPORTS and interests you (For example: women in sports, steroids-use, college athletics, baseball, etc.). Record it here: ______________________

Following the links on the web guide above, find an article on your topic in both *Wikipedia* and the Library resource called *CQ Researcher* available from the library database's page here: [http://library.boisestate.edu/indexes/](http://library.boisestate.edu/indexes/). Record the titles of your articles here:

- Wikipedia article title: _________________________________________________
- *CQ Researcher* article title: _____________________________________________

**Step 2**
Skim each article and then compare them by form, function, and type of information provided. *What do you like about each resource and the qualities they share?*
Now think about how you might put them to use by answering the questions below.

► How would you use a *Wikipedia* article for a course assignment? Why?

► How would you use a *CQ Researcher* article for a course assignment? Why?

**Step 3**

CQ Researcher and Wikipedia are great starting points for your research. Now that you’ve reviewed each article, it’s time to brainstorm where you might look next for information on your topic. You can find links to these resources from the web guide.

**Find a book on your topic** in the Library Catalog. Record the title here:

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**Databases are used to find articles.** Name a database to explore:
Step 4
Congratulations! You’re almost done. To complete this exercise, please visit the Reference Desk in Albertsons Library and ask the Librarian to answer the following question:

What are 3 ways I can get help with my research?

1. ____________________
2. ____________________
3. ____________________

Remind the Librarian to stamp your paper to prove you visited the Library.