COM 101 – Library Research Assignment #3

Name: ______________________

**COM101: Modeling the Research Process**

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

http://guides.boisestate.edu/com101 or http://library.boisestate.edu/

1. **Topic**: What is your topic: _____________________________________________?
   If you have not chosen a topic yet, use one of the suggested topics to find the information requested in the questions below:
   
   **Suggested Topics**:
   - Genetically Modified Foods / Biotech Foods
   - Homelessness
   - Global Warming/Climate Change/Environmental Issues

2. **Keywords about your Topic**: Think about your topic in more detail to come up with key concepts/words that you can use as possible search terms. Brainstorm some concepts related to your topic. For example if my topic were AIDS an additional keyword/search terms I might consider would be "sexually transmitted diseases" or "Ryan White". Think of a few search terms for your topic:

   Topic: _____________________________________________
   Keywords/Search Terms _____________________________________________

3. **Online Reference Works**: From the Library’s databases page or the COM 101 library resources page, select an online Reference database to search for your topic (Oxford Reference Online, Gale Virtual Library, Blackwell's Reference Online). A Reference work is typically an encyclopedia or handbook which provides basic information on a topic.

   For the entry you found on your topic, what is the title of the source (book, encyclopedia) in which that information is from? Also write 1 fact you may have learned from this entry.

   Book Title= _____________________________________________
   1 fact= _____________________________________________

4. **Library Catalog**: Now try searching for books using your topic or search terms in the Albertsons Library online catalog. Find a book on your topic and complete the information below:

   Book Title: _____________________________________________
   Author(s) or Editor(s): _____________________________________________
   What floor of the library is it on? _____________________________________________
   What is the Call number for the book? _____________________________________________
   (the call# helps you find the book on the shelf)

5. **Academic Search Premier**: From the Library’s homepage click the Online Databases or Find Articles link. Select the database Academic Search Premier from the list. Search for information on your topic (remember your keywords). Complete the information below:
Title of Article: _________________________________

Source/journal where article is published: _____________________________

Author of Article: _________________________________

Is this Article available in full-text: YES / NO
Is the Article available in the Library: YES / NO

6. CQ Researcher: From the Library’s homepage click the Online Databases or Find Articles link. Select the database CQ Researcher from the list. Search for information on your topic (remember your keywords): Complete the information below.

   Title of Report: _________________________________
   Date published: _________________________________
   Volume & Number: _______________________________

7. Where can you find an APA or MLA citation manual in the Albertsons Library (you might have to ask a librarian)?

8. Why do you want to correctly cite your sources?