ABM 310 LIBRARY ACTIVITIES FORM

Name: ________________

Activity 1—Madigan Library Catalog

1. Write your topic here: ________________
2. In the “Search Madigan Library Catalog” box, do a search for your topic. When the search results appear, limit your results to either Books OR Videos in the Formats box to the left.
3. Write the title of a relevant book or video you found that is in the Madigan Library: ________________
4. Write the call number and location of your book: call # __________ location ________________ (The call number and location are directly under the “Held By” field in the record you choose.)
5. Click on the title of the item you chose, and open the “Description” link. List one major subject your item deals with ____________________________.
6. Are there other libraries that have the item you chose? Yes_____, No_____. If yes, how many? __________.

Activity 2—Picking a Databases

1. Write your topic here: ________________
2. Click on the database title you are interested in. Read the description given. Did you read the description? Yes _______ No _______.
3. What in the database description made you decide this database would be appropriate to find magazine, journal, or newspaper articles for your topic? ______________________________________________________________
4. Write the name of the database you chose here: ____________________________

Activity 3—Finding Magazine/Journal/Newspaper Articles in Journal Locator

1. Does PCT subscribe (in paper and/or microfilm) to this magazine? Yes _______ No _______
2. Does PCT own the July 20, 1998 (vol. 53, issue 14) issue? Yes _______ No _______
3. If yes, is it in paper form or in microfilm? Paper _______ Microfilm _______. If no, what years do we carry? ____________________________
4. Is this article in one of our databases? _____yes, _____no. If yes, give one where this article should be. ____________________________

Activity 4—Paper Indexes
1. Under what heading is the citation you chose? (Give the major heading or the major heading and its subdivision, whichever applies): 
Major heading __________________ Subdivision__________________
2. Write the magazine article title from your citation here: __________________
3. Write the magazine title from your citation here: __________________
4. Write the issue date here: _______________ AND/OR the v. #______ / iss. # __________
5. Check Journal Locator. Did you get a results list? Yes ______ No ______
6. If no, stop here.
7. If yes, do we have the issue you need? Yes ________ No __________
   Paper ________ Microfilm ________ Full-text __________ (Mark all that apply. Examine any record that has “In Library” indicated or that has “Full-text” indicated. Check to see if your article’s date is covered.)

Activity 5—Website Evaluation

1. Evaluate this web site by answering the following questions:
2. Who is responsible for the content of this site? _______________ Is there anything given on the website that provides the website authors’ credentials? Yes_____, No_____. Are the website authors leaders in the field? Yes _____ No _____
3. What is the extension on the website? (.edu, .org, .gov, .com, other) _______________
4. Do you detect any undocumented personal opinion or bias? Yes _______ No ______
5. How current is the information? _______________
6. Is the site incomplete? (Is there anything “under construction?”) _______________
7. Is the information given on the site documented with footnotes, a works cited page, or hyperlinks to confirm the reliability of the information presented? _____Yes _____No
8. Based on your answers to questions 2 and 7, would this site be reliable for a college research paper? Yes _______ No ______
9. Why or why not? _______________

Note: If you answered “yes” to the last question in question 2, OR if you answered “yes” to question 7, you likely have a reliable website. Your response to question 9 should reflect the answers you gave in questions 2 and 7.