

Lesson Plan

Grade level(s): 9th grade

Topic: Using LiLI-D

Objective(s): Students will be able to understand how to search eLibrary

Big6 Skills: #3 Location and Access
#4 Use of Information

Materials Required: LCD projector and computer (eventually each student on own computer)

Time Required: two days

Description of activities:

- 1) have students write a burning question (topic depends on your curriculum) that they want to find the answer to, then “boil down” that question into three keywords and two synonyms for each key word
- 2) use one student example (or your own) to show whole group how to perform successful searches in eLibrary; model Boolean operators, natural language, various keyword (and synonym) combinations
- 3) have students perform multiple searches using different keyword and synonym combinations, along with both Boolean operators and natural language searches
- 4) have students read through 2-3 “hits” that have all three keywords in them, or at least high percentage matched; read the articles and evaluate success of search

Assessment: Question, keyword and synonym development; evaluate success of search terms used

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