

Lesson Plan

Grade level(s): 9th grade

Topic: Using LiLI-D

Objective(s): Students will be able to understand how to validate a website and compare information found on it with information found previously on eLibrary while doing the same search

Big6 Skills: #2 Information Seeking Strategies
#3 Location and Access
#4 Use of Information
#5 Synthesis

Materials Required: LCD projector, computer (eventually each student on own computer), website validation handout

Time Required: two days

Description of activities:

- 1) go over website validation handout, explain rating system
- 2) have students use the same burning question (topic depends on your curriculum) that they searched for on eLibrary, and the same keywords and synonyms
- 3) use one student example (or your own) to show whole group how to perform successful search on a search engine such as Google; model Boolean operators, natural language, various keyword (and synonym) combinations
- 4) have students perform multiple searches using different keyword and synonym combinations, along with both Boolean operators and natural language searches
- 5) have students read through 2-3 “hits” that have all three keywords in them, or at least high percentage matched; read through websites and choose one on which to complete validity evaluation handout

Assessment: Students make T chart, Venn diagram or other visual aid comparing results from previous eLibrary search and website search

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