As part of class, you’ve been thinking about a topic to pursue for your research. You will use that topic to complete the assignment below. In each of these questions you will need to be creative in how you relate and research your topic. Be sure to detail and articulate the actual searches, as well as your research process. The specialized online resources from #3 down are accessible online at the Gelman Library (http://www.gelman.gwu.edu/).

1. Look up your topic via **Google**. What search terms did you use? How many results did you get? Skim the first 5 results, describe what you found and the usefulness of those results in relation to your topic.

2. Do the same in **Wikipedia**. What search terms did you use? Skim the entry, describe what you found and its usefulness in relation to your topic.

3. And again in the **Library Catalog**, from the Gelman Library’s homepage.

a. What search terms did you use? How many entries did you get? Describe their usefulness.

1. Pick a book from the list. What is its title and call number?
2. Is this book available at Gelman? If not, where is it located?
3. Read this entry closely. Based on the information you see here, what are five words to describe this book?

4. Use your topic again in **Academic Search Premier**. (Hint: use your GWid to log in after clicking on Articles & Databases.)

a. What search terms did you use? How many entries did you get? Describe their usefulness.

b. How many results did you get?

c. Skim the first ten results; describe what you found and its usefulness.

d. How would you find the full-text or the actual print version of the article, if the full-text is not already there?

6. Now… after examining all four sources, what are the similarities and differences? Be as detailed as possible, addressing each of the four sources highlighted above.