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Mythology Exercise

Read each section carefully. Do each task printed in italics. Be prepared to talk about what you have found and how you found it.

- A. Defining your topic.
1. *Explain in one or two sentences the topic you have chosen for your paper. Be as specific as possible.*
 2. *Write down two or three words or phrases that describe or relate to your topic.*
- B. Finding background information: general and subject encyclopedias.
1. Find two articles on your topic: one in a general encyclopedia (**World Book, Encyclopaedia Britannica**, etc) and one in a subject reference work (encyclopedia, dictionary, handbook, etc.)
 2. Examine the two articles. Consider length, depth, amount of detail, and the extensiveness of the bibliographies at the end of the articles.
 3. *Record the information about the encyclopedia articles including the author (if given), title of the article or section, title of the encyclopedia, volume and page numbers.*
- C. Finding subject headings: **Library of Congress Subject Headings**.
1. Using the subject words you have found in your background search, find several headings for your topic.
 2. *List one or two of the Library of Congress Subject Headings terms that describe your topic.*
 3. *List any “see” references, as well as “Broader Term (BT),” “Narrower Term (NT),” or “Related Term (RT)” references, if there are any. If there are none, make a note of that.*

- D. Finding books: **BraveCat** (UNCP's online catalog)
1. Use **Keywords** or the **Subject** term(s) you found in step C.
 2. To search, click on the button that indicates the type of search you want to do, then type the words, titles, etc., and click **Search** or **Submit Search**. Click on the colored underlined text corresponding to the information you want and the computer will display the item information for you.
 3. *Write down the author, title, call number, and location code of at least two books on the subject.*
- E. Finding journal articles: periodical indexes (online and print)
1. Access one of the electronic resources (not BraveCat) listed on your bibliography through any PC.
 2. *Write down the number of records you found on your topic.*
 3. *Print out a citation on your topic and attach the printout to this worksheet.*
 4. Find a citation on your topic in a print index. Use indexes such as **Art Index, Psychological Abstracts** (pre-1987), **Essay and General Literature Index, Humanities Index** (pre-1984), or **Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature** (pre-1982). This must be a different citation than the one you located E.1.
 5. If your citation is for a journal, use **Journal Finder** to see if the Library provides access to this journal in an electronic format or if it is available in print in the Library.
 6. If your citation is for a book, check **BraveCat** to see if the Library owns the book.
 7. *Find the article or book chapter for your citation from a print index. Make a copy of the first page of the item and attach it to this worksheet.*
- F. Finding Web resources
1. Access one of the Web resources listed in the Web Resources portion of the "Selected Resources for Mythology" handout. Do not use *Wikipedia* alone.
 2. Find information about your topic.
 3. *Write down the name of the resource used from the Web Resources portion. Write down the name and the URL of the resource with the information on your topic. Make a copy of the first page of information about your topic and attach it to this worksheet.*