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Available library resources for iOS

O Personalize?





Scan App



8 minutes intro to using the iPad 10 minutes for activity, section 1 10 minutes for activity, section 2 10 minutes for activity, section 3 10 minutes discussion at the end 2 minutes for additional q's

50 minutes total

My best friend

You are an exercise science major and you have a mid-term essay due in two weeks. You've chosen to write about the benefits of yoga. The assignment requires you to find at least 2 peer-reviewed articles (also known as scholarly articles).





You find the article (above) by searching google but the full-text is not available freely online. You know the library has this journal in print and so you head over to the periodicals section. You find the publication by title (Psychology Today), by month and year (Mar/Apr2001, Vol. 34 Issue 2), and then by the pages the article is on (41).

Answer these questions once you browse through the article and the publication itself.		
Does this article have an abstract or a summary before the main content?		Yes No
Is there a serious look to this article/publication?		Yes No
Is there information about the author? Affiliations, education background, expertise, etc.		Yes No
Does this article have a list of references?		Yes No
Does this article report on original research or experimentation?		Yes No
This article is a		Primary resource Secondary resource
This is a		Peer-reviewed article Popular magazine article
Why?		·

Oops, looks like the first article is not what your professor is asking you to find because it is not a peer-reviewed article.



You heard from a friend that using the library's WorldCat Local database, you could specify that you want peer-reviewed articles only. You find the article above by searching WorldCat Local and limiting it to peer-reviewed articles only.



So now you have one article but the assignment requires two articles. You go back to WorldCat Local and find another peer-reviewed article on the topic of the benefits of yoga.

Answer the questions after you find your second article.
What words did you use to find this article? Was it a keyword search, a subject search, or other type of search? Did you use any limiters such as peer-reviewed, date, etc.?
Why is this article the most relevant article you retrieved?
Provide an APA citation for your article:

Quickie wrap-up at end

Activity Objectives

- Recognize the difference between popular v. scholarly articles
- ✓ Ability to determine what are primary and secondary sources
- Become familiar with searching WorldCat Local

Questions?

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