

Exercise 3: Finding literature

Using your assigned topic, investigate at least 4 different databases to discover what research has been written on your topic. You will likely need different keywords. Also, investigate the topic using one of the Geography journals mentioned on the lit review handout.

What was your topic? _____

What 4 databases did you search?

Outside of Geography, which discipline would also likely to be studying your topic?

What article, from a Geography journal, did you think was the best for your topic?

Journal name:

Article citation:

What was the best database for your topic? “Best” is defined as the database that returned the most articles.

Database:

Number of articles:

What Geography journals are cited within the database?

Which database was not helpful in your search for literature on your topic? WHY?

After looking at the different databases, identify 4 keywords or key phrases also used in the literature to research the same subject.

1.

2.

3.

4.

After looking at the different databases, identify key issues or topics that researchers are studying within your topic.

1.

2.

What did you discover about your topic from your research? (Hint: indicating you discovered nothing on your topic is not an answer for this question).

After looking through the literature and databases, refine your topic to something more specific (you can write a research question if that helps).