Database assignment

For this assignment, it’s best if you have chosen a topic for your paper. You could still change your topic after this, but this assignment can get you started on researching your paper.

1. For the topic you have chosen, brainstorm at least five search terms here.

2. Now find one background resource on the Web by searching Google. List the URL of the Website here. Figure out who wrote the text and assess their credibility.
   • Is this a trusted site?
   • What is your evidence?
   • What might you not trust about this information?

3. From your background resource, find at least three new search terms:

4. Now take your search terms and go to Georef. Do at least one search using the truncation symbol * . Find a minimum of three relevant sources and add them to your search folder (icon on right-hand side of each entry). Open your folder (folder icon at the top right-hand side). Then email the references to yourself. Forward the email to me with the subject line Geology 105 database1.
5. Now go back to the Library database page, and look at the Biology databases. Choose PubMed. Perform the same search in PubMed, and find a minimum of three new sources. Click on one reference, and find one new article in the “related links” box. E-mail the results to yourself (find instructions in the FAQs – see menu on left side of screen). Then **forward that email to me with the subject line Geology 105 database**.

6. Take one author from your reference list, and run a search on Google to find a publications list for that person. Find a minimum of one new reference this way. **Write the full citation here.**

7. Here’s a way to update older sources. Choose your oldest reference. Enter the title of the paper into Google Scholar (scholar.google.com). Find the paper in your search results. Look for the “Cited by” link and click on it. These are papers that cited your paper. Find one paper that looks useful, and **write the full citation here.**

8. **Turn in this paper with #1, 2, 3, 6 & 7 completed.**