Exercise 5: Getting articles from an article database

Use one of the Library’s online article databases to find a magazine or newspaper article on your topic. Choose a topic that you’re interested in.

Topic: _____________________________________

Decide where to start:

a. On the Articles page, choose an article database.

Name of article database: ________________________________

b. Consider your topic, then choose and record your search words below.
Give the exact word or set of words (keywords) that you use to get your result list.

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Look at your results:

c. Choose one article from your results list. Most of the time when you do college research, you will need to write down information about your source for a bibliography. For your chosen article, what are those details? Note: you may not find every one of these.

Article title: _______________________________________

Article author: ______________________________________

Periodical (magazine) name: ___________________________

Vol. _____ Issue # _____ Date: ________________ Page numbers: ______

Where can you get your hands on this article?

d. Does this article have full text on the computer? ________

   If not, does the OCCC Library have a print subscription to this magazine; in other words, can you get a copy of that article in this Library? ________________

   If not, can you get a copy of the article via interlibrary loan? ________________

e. What is one reason you might decide to use an article for information—instead of choosing a book?

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