

Database Search and Evaluation

Name: _____ Course: _____

Use the scale provided to assign the rating value indicating the usefulness of the database for your research objective.

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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Very useful | Useful | Average useful | Minimally useful | Not useful |

For “strengths and Weaknesses,” ask yourself: Are the articles from this database actually relevant? Are they too brief and “newsy”? Too advanced? Too biased? Which viewpoint do they take?

| Databases | Date Searched | Keywords/Terms Used to Search | # of Results | Rating | Strengths or Weaknesses of the Database |
|--|---------------|-------------------------------|--------------|--------|---|
| Online Library Catalog | | | | | |
| Academic ASAP | | | | | |
| Lexis-Nexis NYT | | | | | |
| Historical NYT | | | | | |
| JSTOR | | | | | |
| CQ Researcher | | | | | |
| Health Reference Center Academic | | | | | |
| General Science | | | | | |
| Business Source Elite | | | | | |
| Lexis-Nexis Legal | | | | | |
| Internet Search Engine (Google, Dogpile, etc.) | | | | | |