Library 101: Your Guide to Library Resources
Activity 3d: Find Sources for your own topic

Name: _____ Date: _____

Search for your own topic using UCAT, ProQuest Direct, and / or AltaVista.com. You may want to print out 3 copies of this worksheet – 1 worksheet for each search tool.

Search Statements – write down at least 3 ways you searched using your own topic:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Top 3 Online Searching Tips:

1. If you get no hits or too few hits, try leaving out one of your keywords to broaden your search.
2. If you get too many hits, try adding another keyword to narrow your search.
3. Try various combinations of keywords to make sure you get the most out of your search.

Evaluate Your Search Results:

a. Compare and contrast which search statements worked well AND didn't work well and why:

b. Select one item that best fit the research topic, write down the title, any location, call number or web address, and explain why you made this choice:

c. Evaluate this item to determine what type of (popular? scholarly?) and how much (too little? too much? just right?) information you are getting:

d. If you searched in UCAT or ProQuest Direct, are there any "subjects," "subject headings," or "descriptors" listed in the description of this item? If yes, please write down the words that are listed. Can you explain how these words might help you with your search strategy?