JMU Libraries, Information Literacy Exercise for Social Work Research Methods (SOWK 305), Learning Outcome 13: Journal Quality

INB: This exercise was created for use in the University of Arizona’s, Guide on the Side tutorial platform hosted here as of August 2018: https://ualibraries.github.io/Guide-on-the-Side/about.html. This tool renders tutorial content with digital objects in the same browser window. Most of the below text was rendered in a panel on the left side of the browser screen, while the asset being reviewed or analyzed (e.g. a video, website, or journal article) was rendered in a panel on the right side of the browser. I used multiple-choice, true/false, and short answer questions in these tutorials. In cases where I used multiple choice questions, I took advantage of the tool’s feature that displays text responses when each multiple-choice statement is selected. Because I made most of these statements formative, I included each within multiple-choice option lists. Links to assets the questions referred to are also included in the text below. Note that Guide on the Side can be used as a quiz tool, in which case, the responses/prompts to the multiple-choice questions are hidden. The exercises/outcomes numbered from 10 to 15 are designed to be administered to different student groups in the same class period, followed by group reports on their assigned exercises. If there are mistakes in this material, they are mine alone, not those of my colleagues in the JMU Social Work Department or JMU Libraries. David Vess vessds@jmu.edu

Open JMU Libraries website.

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Can you see a website to the right?

Before we get started, look to the right. Is there a blank white space or do you see a website? If you see white space, look for a notification about blocking or loading scripts. The below are examples of what you may see in different browsers.
Once you locate this feature, remove the block and load all scripts so you can see the webpages in the right-hand frame. Now, by clicking on the right arrow below, you will advance in this tutorial. Go ahead and click on the arrow now. If you have any problems, contact me at vessds@jmu.edu.
What's the learning outcome?

Recall when I mentioned learning outcomes before? Each exercise I've given you has an outcome. It's a kind of contract I have with you stating, "This is what you will get out of this experience."

The outcome for this exercise is:

After this exercise, students will be able to appraise the quality of journals by examining journal home pages.

Exploring Quality of Open Access Journals

Begin by going to and reading this list of quality indicators for open access journal home pages, then use the lists to compare a few journal home pages. You'll hear more about open access journals from another group in your class. (As always, if a link won't open in the panel to the right, try right clicking the link and opening it in another tab.)


1. Using the Assessing Open Access Journal Quality document linked above, compare the Acme Intellects website with Health, Culture And Society website. Which do you believe is more reliable?

   Acme Intellects
   Health, Culture, and Society (Correct)

   In the field below, explain your above answer.

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2. Using the Assessing Open Access Journal Quality document linked above, compare the International Journal of Advances in Social Science and Humanities (IJASSH) website with the Health & Justice website. Which do you believe is more reliable?
Health & Justice (Correct)
International Journal of Advances in Social Science and Humanities (IJASSH)

In the field below, explain your above answer.

3. Using the Assessing Open Access Journal Quality document linked above, compare the American Journal of Pharmacy and Health Research (AJPHR) website with the Malta Journal of Health Sciences website. Which do you believe is more reliable?

American Journal of Pharmacy and Health Research (AJPHR)  
Malta Journal of Health Sciences (Correct)

In the field below, explain your above answer.

4. Using the Assessing Open Access Journal Quality document linked above, compare the Research Chronicle in Health Sciences website with the Social Determinants of Health website. Which do you believe is more reliable?

Research Chronicle in Health Sciences  
Social Determinants of Health (Correct)

In the field below, explain your above answer.

Submit your Answers

Please enter your name and email address to retrieve a copy of your completed quiz.

Your name:
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