



CRITICAL THINKING & INFORMATION LITERACY ACROSS THE CURRICULUM

ENGLISH 109 – SUBJECT ENCYCLOPEDIAS

Purpose: The purpose of this assignment is to identify and locate relevant subject encyclopedias using the Library of Congress call numbers. This is the first of a series of assignments that will be used for your final project.

Part I.

Steps to take:

- Identify the broader category or discipline that covers each topic (sociology, psychology, religion, etc.)
- Use the “**Library of Congress Classification System**” handout to find the call letters for the topic.
- Look around that call letter/number in the reference stacks.
- Write the title of the encyclopedia in the space provided.

Example: Global warming

Academic Discipline: **Science**

Library of Congress Call letters: **Q & QC**

Subject Encyclopedia: **McGraw-Hill Encyclopedia of Science & Technology (Q121.M3 1997)**
Encyclopedia of Climate and Weather (QC854.E523 1996)

Buddhism principles

Academic Discipline: _____ Library of Congress Call letters: _____

Subject Encyclopedia _____

Skin cancer

Academic Discipline: _____ Library of Congress Call letters: _____

Subject Encyclopedia _____

Drugs and violence

Academic Discipline: _____ Library of Congress Call letters: _____

Subject Encyclopedia _____

Use of marijuana as medicine

Academic Discipline: _____ Library of Congress Call letters: _____

Subject Encyclopedia _____

Part II. Following the same steps, find a relevant encyclopedia for your own research topic and complete the followings.

Your research topic:

Academic discipline:

Encyclopedia information:

Title:

Editor/author:

Publisher

Place of publication

Date:

Call number:

Essay information:

Essay title:

Essay's authors (up to 3; if more than three, name the first one only):

Volume number:

Page number:

What did you learn from this essay? In your own work, briefly describe this essay.

What are some important keywords?

Note: Please keep this assignment in your assignment portfolio, for you will be using it in writing the bibliography in the coming assignment as well as for your final project.