



## First-Year-Experience (FYE) Resource Assignment

**Due on or before October 22**

This assignment is step one in a semester-long project that applies to all four classes in the FYE. Physician-assisted suicide is a ballot issue in November and will be the focus of this project.

Learning how and getting comfortable with ways to find information you need or want is a crucial step in education. In this Information Age sources and the means to access them are vast. Your challenge is to learn the basic skills in accessing information and to evaluate the quality and usefulness of the sources you locate.

One of the search tools available to Delta students is FirstSearch, a collection of more than 50 databases in a wide variety of subject areas. Your skill in using these databases in FirstSearch will serve you well when you use others.

Using the topic of physician-assisted suicide you will practice using FirstSearch and ultimately identify and gather the sources you will use to complete the semester's project.

Even though these 50 databases are in FirstSearch each of them are a bit different in their use. For example, the word or phrase you use in one database may need to be adjusted in another. By practicing in a number of them your ability to transfer this skill will grow.

Below you will find a list of 14 of the databases you are to use in FirstSearch for this step. Using each one locate an appropriate source's citation/abstract (see attached sample) and print it. Attached are "How to Use FirstSearch" and "How to Evaluate the Sources that you Find" for you to review and apply.

Use the attached form to organize and respond to each citation/abstract selected. Also attach the printout of each citation/abstract as well.

For the completion of the semester project you will need an appropriate source (the actual text - not the abstract) from each of the FYE disciplines: Humanities, Political Science, Biology, and Psychology. For the completion of this step one identify which of these fourteen sources you would likely use at this time to meet the requirement. This will not lock you in to the choice. You may identify even better sources as the semester continues.

Each of you is to hand in your unique individual packet of citation/abstract and cover sheets.

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### Gate Keeping Criteria:

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- Stapled
- This form is top sheet
- Name is on top

Score	Database	Subject Area/Focus	Type (x)		Would You Use? (x)		Why or Why Not
			Sch	GenInt	Yes	No	
___ / 2	WorldCat						
___ / 2	FastDoc						
___ / 2	AH Search						

___ / 2	Basic BIOSIS						
___ / 2	BioDigest						
___ / 2	FactSearch						
___ / 2	GenSciAbstracts						
___ / 2	HumanitiesAbs						
___ / 2	NewsAbs						
___ / 2	PsycFIRST						
___ / 2	ReadGuideAbs						
___ / 2	SocioAbs						
___ / 2	SocSciAbs						
___ / 2	MDX Health						
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Identify which four sources you would use at this time:

Humanities:

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Political Science:

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Biology:

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Psychology: