Sample Assignments for Information Literacy

Use the Scaffolding Research Process

Do all the stages of writing a term paper without really writing it.

1. Define topic
2. Create an annotated bibliography
3. Outline the paper
4. Write a thesis statement

Identify major journals in your discipline

Identify with librarian the importance of journals to the discipline

1. Compare and contrast content, studies, publication schedule
2. Analyze content, tone, audience

Compare Internet resources to Database searches

Run a search statement in an Internet search engine then run the same search in a library database such as Academic Search Premier or Lexis-Nexis

1. Compare findings and determine if materials are scholarly vs. non-scholarly
2. Analyze the different approaches, focusing on the differences and similarities

Create a class reading/course packet

Expand an annotated bibliography to create a list of books or articles to read on a certain topic

1. Determine what type of resources should be added (books, journals, media)
2. Determine if resources should be scholarly or non-scholarly

Team Resource Evaluation

In teams, have students research a specific resource and then present to the class their findings

1. Research a variety of resources and their validity to the topic/major
2. Summarize as a team the information about relevancy of resource, including author, source, and content.