**Introduction to Databases Scavenger Hunt**

Write down the website address for Michigan eLibrary: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Once you are at the MEL homepage, click on Databases at the top.**

What do you notice about how the databases are organized in this list?

What do you notice about the paragraphs that follow the database name?

What is the 17th database? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Who does its descriptive paragraph say it is best for?

**Find General OneFile and click on it**

What is the 4th Popular Article listed? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What is the first Popular Search listed? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Click in the Search box and put in death penalty**

How many magazine results did you get? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How many academic journal results did you get? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How many news results did you get? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How many image results did you get? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Click on Advanced Search in the orange search bar at the top**

What is the default index that is selected for you? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**In the top search box type in death penalty. In the second search box type in inhumane. Make sure that the box limiting your search “to documents with full text” is selected**

How many magazine results did you get? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How many academic journal results did you get? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How many news results did you get? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Based on the number of results you got, why could using Advanced Search be the better option for researching?**

**Go back to the MEL homepage. Find and select InfoTrac Newsstand Database**

Find the “What is Infotrac Newsstand” section at the right. What kind of sources are found in this database?

**Click on Advanced Search and type in Michigan state university and basketball into the Keyword boxes**

How many news results did you get? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Scroll down to find what the 4 top ways you could Limit your Search:



**Go back to your Advanced Search Page. Make sure you have entered Michigan state university and basketball into the Keyword boxes again. This time find “by publication date(s)”. Click “Between.”**

**Enter the first date as 2nd of April 2000 and the last date as 4th April 2000**

What topic are all of these articles about?

List 3 situations where limiting the dates you are searching could be helpful to you?

**Click on the 2nd article**

What is the title? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Who is the author? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What was its original source? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What date was the article originally published? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Find the Opposing Viewpoints Database and click on it.**

List the three topics presented under “Society and Culture”



**At the top, click on “Browse Issues.” Find “Renewable Energy” and click it.**

After looking at the titles of the articles available, what do you think the database provides for you?

What are the different areas you can search for source material in?

How many sources are available in “Viewpoints” \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How many sources are available in “Magazines” \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Click on “View all 13” in the Statistics category. Look at several of these options – what kind of sources are these?