How to find quality sources for your research project

1. Go to www.chattcougar.com
2. Click on the “Media Center Homepage”
3. Click “MackinVia” link
4. This will bring you to the Launch Pad, login as your normally would to a Fulton county link
5. Find the MackinVia app and click that
6. Click the “Databases” link on the left side of the page
7. Two databases that you might find helpful are called:
   1. Academic Search Complete
   2. Galileo Advanced
8. Once on one of these databases you will need to select the following before you click on an article for your topic:
   1. “Full text” option on the left side
   2. “Peer-Reviewed” articles option on the left side
   3. Change the date of the available articles to a more recent date (something starting near 2000- 2018) this will also be on the left side of the page

The following are directions for once you have typed in your topic and have selected an article to read.

1. Before you read the PDF version of the article, you will be taken to the Abstract page where you are introduced to the information presented in the article. On this page you will find a couple important things you will need for your paper:
   1. In order to find the citation you will need for your Reference List, click the “Citation” button on the right side
   2. In order to find the hyperlink if you want to come back to this article, you will need to click the “Permalink” button or the button that looks like  on the right side. If you simply copy and past the url in the search bar, it will not take you back to the same article, so you MUST use the permalink.
2. To read your selected article click the PDF button on the left side of the screen so you can read the whole article and not just the abstract

Other places to go to find quality sources:

Google scholar

Sweetsearch

**Use quality sources.**

* Google scholar will help you identity quality research articles.
* Government websites can provide valuable quality information. (.gov)
* Google- pollution in China filetype:pdf (type it exactly as written)
* Galileo or JSTOR sources
* Academic Websites (.edu)

**Avoid fluff, opinion, and research “lite” work. The quality of your research will be low (and so will your grade) if you rely on:**

* Blogs, self-help websites, CNN, USA today, Wikepedia, answers.com, cha cha, ask, yahoo answers
* Be suspicious of information on pro-social issue website; they tend to inflate and distort data.
* Charitable Organizations (ie: UNICEF, PETA)