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Week 3: Click here to open forum - Creating Effective Keyword Searches

BEFORE YOU BEGIN: Please read these instructions carefully. Also read my sample thread in the Discussion form. Contact me with any questions ASAP. 50 PTS.

When you create the first message in your thread, provide a suitable subject in the Subject box (example: My Keyword Searches). Next, in the Message box, tell us your approved research topic for the semester. As part of the same message, provide 2 - 4 effective keyword searches (search strings) for your topic, using what you’ve learned in our class discussion (using synonyms; using specific terms in place of more general ones, etc.).

Give this thought—you will be using your search strings to find good articles for your research topic throughout the semester, and for your Final Project. In fact, you will need the search strings from this week’s Discussion forum in one of your assignments next week.

In addition to posting messages in your own thread, you must offer a thoughtful reply to at least one message in a classmate’s thread. Feel free to reply within multiple threads, if you like.

A reply that shows no thought, such as "Good," or "Nice," does not count. A thoughtful reply reflects upon the message you are replying to. Your reply might indicate additional search strings a classmate could use, or suggest ways they might improve their search strings, etc.

The intent is for you to all learn from one another, and from my input as well.

For the possibility of full credit: (1) by 11:59 pm on Friday, Sept. 29 you must have your initial post up in your own thread AND (2) by 11:59 pm on Sunday, Oct. 1 you must have replied thoughtfully to at least one of your classmate’s posts in their thread. (3) You may continue to respond after Sunday, but it’s not required.

Submission of either part after its posted due date (Sept. 29 or Oct. 1) will result in the usual point reductions for that part.