

“SEARCH AND QUICK WRITE” EXERCISE

You’ve graduated. You are now employed in the Human Resources Department of a large company. Your manager is creating a policy on employee use of social networking sites or social media such as *Facebook* and *Twitter*.

She has asked you to research current studies or information that will help determine whether or not employee use of these sites impacts worker productivity in a negative or positive way.

Using the skills you just learned in this workshop, please research this topic online.

Find two articles you believe provide current, authoritative information:

1. One article from a scholarly journal; and
2. One article from a general interest publication (a “popular” source).

Open your email account in a second browser. Start a message.

Copy and paste the questions below into the body of the message.

Research the questions.

Copy and paste your answers beneath each question. Send your finished work to:

[instructor’s name@smccd.edu](mailto:instructor's name@smccd.edu)

1. Paste below a citation on this topic for an article from a scholarly journal:
2. Briefly explain why you believe this article is relevant.
3. Paste below a citation on this topic for an article from a general interest publication:
4. Briefly explain why you believe this article is relevant.
5. What online search tool (i.e. database, search engine, catalog, etc.) did you use to find your two articles? Please provide the name of the search tool you used.
6. What search terms did you use? Please specify exactly what you typed -- i.e. your search statement(s) or search string(s) -- that gave you the best results.

DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON YOUR WORK. THIS EXERCISE IS NOT GRADED.