

Information Literacy Rubric - Progression

Frames	Knowledge Practices	Accomplished	Competent	Developing
1. Authority Is Constructed and Contextual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Define different types of authority, such as subject expertise, societal position, or special experience Use research tools and indicators of authority to determine the credibility of sources Recognize that authoritative content may be packaged formally or informally and may include sources of all media types Acknowledge they are developing their own authoritative voices in a particular area and recognize the responsibilities this entails, including seeking accuracy and reliability, respecting intellectual property, and participating in communities of practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respects intellectual property Recognizes the value of research tools that determine the credibility of sources Uses indicators of authority to determine the credibility of sources Recognizes that authoritative content may be packaged in many different ways Recognizes that authoritative content may come from different types of sources Acknowledges significant development of their own authority in a particular area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knows what intellectual property is, but does not always show respect for it Recognizes research tools that determine the credibility of sources Sometimes uses indicators of authority to determine the credibility of sources Recognizes that authoritative content may be packaged in several different ways Recognizes that authoritative content may come from some different types of sources Acknowledges development of their own authority in a particular area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knows what intellectual property is, but does not show respect for it Knows there are research tools that determine the credibility of sources Rarely uses indicators of authority to determine the credibility of sources Recognizes that authoritative content may be packaged in few different ways Recognizes that authoritative content may come from a few different types of sources Acknowledges foundational development of their own authority in a particular area
2. Information Creation as a Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess the fit between an information product's creation process and a particular information need Recognize that information may be perceived differently based on the format in which it is packaged 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Selects appropriate sources to address an information need Differentiates between various types of sources and resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sometimes selects appropriate sources to address an information need Sometimes differentiates between various types of sources and resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rarely selects appropriate sources to address an information need Rarely differentiates between various types of sources and resources
3. Information Has Value	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give credit to the original ideas of others through proper attribution and citation Understand how and why some individuals or groups of individuals may be underrepresented or systematically marginalized within the systems that produce and disseminate information Articulate the purpose and distinguishing characteristics, of copyright, fair use, open access, and the public domain Recognize issues of access or lack of access to information sources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrates mastery of citing information sources in their field Identifies groups of individuals who may be underrepresented or systematically marginalized within systems that produce and disseminate information Respects intellectual property Recognizes issues of access that act as barriers to obtaining information sources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrates knowledge of citing information sources in their field Identifies several groups of individuals who may be underrepresented or systematically marginalized within systems that produce and disseminate information Knows what intellectual property is, but does not always show respect for it Recognizes several issues of access than act as barriers to obtaining information sources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrates minimal knowledge of citing information sources in their field Identifies few groups of individuals who may be underrepresented or systematically marginalized within systems that produce and disseminate information Knows what intellectual property is, but does not show respect for it Is aware there are issues of access that act as barriers to obtaining information sources

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4. Research as Inquiry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formulate questions for research based on information gaps or on reexamination of existing, possibly conflicting, information • Determine an appropriate scope of investigation • Deal with complex research by breaking complex questions into simple ones, limiting scope of investigations • Use various research methods, based on need, circumstance, and type of inquiry • Monitor gathered information and assess for gaps or weaknesses • Synthesize ideas gathered from multiple sources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognizes when a research question fills an information gap • Determines an appropriate scope of investigation • Establishes complex research questions • Constructs simpler research questions from more complex ones • Uses various research methods to fill an information need • Assesses gathered information for gaps or weaknesses • Synthesizes ideas gathered from multiple sources • Demonstrates adaptability and flexibility in search strategies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occasionally recognizes when a research question fills an information gap • Occasionally determines an appropriate scope of investigation • Sometimes establishes complex research questions • Sometimes constructs simpler research questions from more complex ones • Sometimes uses an appropriate research method to fill an information need • Sometimes assesses gathered information for gaps or weaknesses • Synthesizes several ideas gathered from multiple sources • Frequently demonstrates adaptability and flexibility in search strategies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has difficulty recognizing when a research question fills an information gap • Has difficulty determining an appropriate scope of investigation • Rarely establishes complex research questions • Rarely constructs simpler research questions from more complex ones • Rarely uses an appropriate research method to fill an information need • Rarely assesses gathered information for gaps or weaknesses • Synthesizes few ideas gathered from multiple sources • Sometimes demonstrates adaptability and flexibility in search strategies
5. Scholarship as Conversation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cite the contributing work of others in their own information production • Contribute to scholarly conversation at an appropriate level, such as local online community, guided discussion, undergraduate research journal, conference presentation/poster session • Critically evaluate contributions made by others in participatory information environments • Recognize that a given scholarly work may not represent the only – or even the majority – perspective on the issue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cites information sources within their information production • Cites information sources correctly in at least one style • Contributes to scholarly conversation in the classroom and beyond • Evaluates differences between points of view in scholarly articles • Utilizes information sources that represent diverse points of view 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frequently cites information sources within their information production • Cites several information sources correctly in at least one style • Sometimes contributes to scholarly conversation in the classroom and beyond • Sometimes evaluates differences between points of view in scholarly articles • Sometimes utilizes information sources that represent diverse points of view 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sometimes cites information sources within their information production • Cites few information sources correctly in at least one style • Rarely contributes to scholarly conversation in the classroom and beyond • Rarely evaluates differences between points of view in scholarly articles • Rarely utilizes information sources that represent diverse points of view
6. Searching as Strategic Exploration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determine the initial scope of the task required to meet their information needs • Utilize divergent (e.g., brainstorming) and convergent (e.g., selecting the best source) thinking when searching • Match information needs and search strategies to appropriate search tools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determines the initial scope of the task required to meet their information needs • Uses brainstorming as part of the search process • Recognizes which search strategies are appropriate for specific search tools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occasionally determines the initial scope of the task required to meet their information needs • Sometimes uses brainstorming as part of the search process • Sometimes recognizes which search strategies are appropriate for specific search tools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has difficulty determining the initial scope of the task required to meet their information needs • Rarely uses brainstorming as part of the search process • Rarely recognizes which search strategies are appropriate for specific search tools

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design and refine needs and search strategies as necessary, based on search results • Use different types of searching language (e.g., controlled vocabulary, keywords, natural language) appropriately • Manage searching processes and results effectively 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognizes which search tools are appropriate for addressing an information need • Design and refine information needs • Uses appropriate search language for the search tool being used • Selects appropriate sources to address information needs • Makes use of others expertise at appropriate times during the research process • Revises search strategies effectively during the search process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sometimes recognizes which search tools are appropriate for addressing an information need • Sometimes designs and refines information needs • Frequently uses appropriate search language for the search tool being used • Frequently selects appropriate sources to address information needs • Sometimes makes use of others expertise during the research process • Sometimes revises search strategies during the search process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rarely recognizes which search tools are appropriate for addressing an information need • Rarely designs and refines information needs • Sometimes uses appropriate search language for the search tool being used • Sometimes selects appropriate sources to address information needs • Rarely makes use of others' expertise during the research process • Rarely revises search strategies during the search process
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General Education Learning Outcomes	Accomplished	Competent	Developing
1. Identify and articulate information needs by precisely defining a question, topic of inquiry or problem	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifies and articulates information needs by precisely defining a question, topic of inquiry or problem 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occasionally identifies and articulates information needs by defining a question, topic of inquiry or problem 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has difficulty identifying and articulating information needs by defining a question, topic of inquiry or problem
2. Select appropriate resources for finding information and formulate effective search strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selects appropriate tools and resources for addressing information needs • Uses appropriate tools and resources for addressing information needs • Formulates effective search strategies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sometimes selects appropriate tools and resources for addressing information needs • Sometimes uses appropriate tools and resources for addressing information needs • Frequently formulates effective search strategies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rarely selects appropriate tools and resources for addressing information needs • Rarely uses appropriate tools and resources for addressing information needs • Sometimes formulates effective search strategies
3. Critically evaluate, analyze, and integrate relevant sources using appropriate criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluates sources critically for relevance to information needs • Analyzes sources using appropriate criteria • Integrates relevant sources into their scholarly conversations and work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frequently evaluates sources critically for relevance to information needs • Frequently analyzes sources using appropriate criteria • Integrates several relevant sources into their scholarly conversations and work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sometimes evaluates sources critically for relevance to information needs • Sometimes analyzes sources using appropriate criteria • Integrates few relevant sources into their scholarly conversations and work
4. Use and cite information sources correctly and ethically	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cites information sources correctly, ethically, honestly, and appropriately in at least one style • Uses information sources correctly and ethically within their own information production 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cites several information sources correctly, ethically, honestly, and appropriately in at least one style • Frequently uses information sources correctly and ethically within their own information production 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cites few information sources correctly, ethically, honestly, and appropriately in at least one style • Sometimes uses information sources correctly and ethically within their own information production
5. Choose appropriate tools and technologies for addressing information needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chooses appropriate search tools for addressing information needs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sometimes chooses appropriate search tools for addressing information needs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rarely chooses appropriate search tools for addressing information needs