1. **Main Task: Evaluate Library Databases and Resources for use in Research**
For this activity you will do a library search for resources in your area of professional or research interest. Locate three peer-reviewed journal articles, one book chapter, and one scholarly resource (website or other resource). Then, prepare a brief paper on your library search and your results. Create a chart like the one shown below to organize your resources.  **(My professional field is Physical Education K-12/ Sports Management)**

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| **Article Reference** | **Database** | **Keyword** | **Search Limiters** | **Skills in this Database** |
| Appropriate reference (APA form) for the resource you discovered.  | Name of the database you used.  | Keywords you used.  | Any search limiters such as full text, date, peer-reviewed that you used.  | A note about your skills at this point in using the database from which you accessed the resource; what do you still need to practice? |

Then, conclude your assignment with some general remarks that comment on:

* How useful was each database for you?
* What important journals, key scholars, or new ideas did you discover from your search.
* How might a library search spark new ideas? As you searched did you find new ideas or new directions for your search? Did the direction your search take you surprise you?

Length: Completed chart and a 1 page reflection paper

Your paper should demonstrate thoughtful consideration of the ideas and concepts that are presented in the course and provide new thoughts and insights relating directly to this topic. Your response should reflect scholarly writing and current APA standards.

1. **Main Task: Apply Critical Thinking**
You will now begin to become familiar with one aspect of critical thinking recognizing logical fallacies. Visit the websites of logical fallacies provided in Activity Resources. For this activity give one example for each of the four following logical fallacies.

Non Sequitur

Faulty Analogy

Hasty Generalization

Equivocation

Be sure to use examples that relate to your own field of study, either examples that you create yourself, or that you locate in articles in your field. Be sure to follow APA form and style to cite any outside source.

Then, choose any other logical fallacy. Find an example of this fallacy in the news media or in an internet source related to your field. Share the example, and the source, but do not mention the name of the fallacy. Your fellow students will have to identify this "mystery logical fallacy" in their responses to your post! **100-200 words in this discussion.**

Website for reference: **Activity Resources:**

* [Logical Fallacies](http://commfaculty.fullerton.edu/rgass/fallacy3211.htm)
* [Developing as Rational Persons: Viewing Our Development in Stages](http://www.criticalthinking.org/articles/sts-developing-rational-persons.cfm)
* [Preparing the Discussion Post](http://learners.ncu.edu/syllabus/download_file.asp?syllabus_rr_id=172700)
* [Non-sequitur (Logic)](http://www.princeton.edu/~achaney/tmve/wiki100k/docs/Non_sequitur_%28logic%29.html)
* [Faulty Analogy](http://www.txstate.edu/philosophy/resources/fallacy-definitions/Faulty-Analogy.html)
* [Hasty Generalization](http://philosophy.lander.edu/scireas/general.html)
* [Equivocation](http://www.txstate.edu/philosophy/resources/fallacy-definitions/Equivocation.html)