Jessica Shurlow: Research Strategies

* Choose a topic of interest (pollution in the ocean)
* Preresearch: google the hell out of it (none goes in the paper- just get familiar with the topic and the side topics because it might sway you where to go)
  + Keep 2 tabs open
    - Noodle tools (“stem capstone”)
    - Bookmarking tool- where to save all of the links (may not know if need them later)
      * Symbaloo (sign in with google) or Diigo
        + Widget to book mark chrome- install on any browser
* Brainstorm/create a concept map of the information you have on.
  + Mindmap: images
* State your topic as a question
  + Measuring, process, cause-affect, ….
* Now refine your question
  + Make it more specific, but not too specific (how does oil pollution affect marine life in the ocean?
  + Final question has to be open ended, has to address an issue/solve a problem/have action…..SO WHAT???? WHY SHOULD OTHERS CARE?????
* Indentify key concepts and list synonyms (could pull from your mind map)

Homework assignment: evaluate Wikipedia

Databases

Rutland info center

user name: rutland

password: raiders

MLA no need for URL- main citation

encyclopedia (not to be used as a reference)

facts on file:

facts on file- world news digest, issues and controversies

proquest databases (SIRS)

eliminate renaissance but can use issues researcher, gov., web select

subject terms at the bottom can help clue you in to key words

culture grams…maybe if civics related

Gale Databases (funky password…”cube”)

Click in cube to “view all” so can see articles

Health and wellness

Science in content

Infotrac student don’t bother with (use sirs and academic one)

Academic onefile- use full text tab

Noodletools time saver:

click database (house)…then determine which form it is (say a magazine)…then click copy and paste citation

isbn (on back of book)…..import selected source, can add annotation