Mining Bibliographies
How to Quickly Find Scholarly Sources on Your Topic

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Purpose
The goal of this activity is to teach you one of the most underrated research skills that a college student can have. When librarians get stuck finding good sources on a topic, we often look to the footnotes, references, or bibliographies of a scholarly source to easily find more sources on the same topic. It’s fast and easy and will greatly improve the quality of sources for your paper!

Your Sample Topic
For the purposes of this activity, pretend that you are writing a research paper on the possible link between lack of sleep and depression. Answer the questions below.

Part 1: Articles on College Students
On the References page (located on the back of this sheet) read through all of the references and put a check mark next to any article that mentions college students specifically. Don't put a check mark next to any citations that mention "students" - we only want the articles with COLLEGE STUDENTS mentioned.

Next, write the number of each citation that you put a check mark next to on the lines below.

2, 8, 11, 12, 13, 15, 17, 18, and 23

Part 2: Articles on Depression
Next go through the References page again and underline any citations that mention depression specifically. Write the number of each citation that you underlined on the lines below.

4, 6, 8, 12, 18, 19, 20, 21, and 23

Part 3: Articles on College Students AND Depression
Go through the References page once more time and check for any citations that you have underlined AND put a check next to. List those citations' numbers on the line below.

8, 12, 18, and 23

How Would You Find the Articles You Listed In Part 3?
Check all that apply.

☐ Google them and see if you can find copies of them online
☒ Ask a librarian for help finding them (library@norwich.edu)
☒ Type the title into the main search bar on the Library's homepage
☐ Use the database Academic Search Premier to find them