Library Databases vs. the Open Web Worksheet

Use Google and the Academic Search Complete library database to search the topic online dating and compare the type of information found from each resource.

A. Search Google:
2. Type online dating in the search window. Press the <Enter> key or click on the Google Search button to search.
3. When the Google Results screen appears, click on and briefly review the first 5 web sites.
4. Print out the first page of any web site from the results and attach it to this worksheet.

B. Search for full-text articles in the Academic Search Complete database:
1. Go to the library homepage: http://library.reynolds.edu. Click on Academic Search Complete from the Research menu.
2. When the Academic Search Complete database search screen appears, type online dating. Press the <Enter> key or click on the Search button.
3. When the articles search results screen opens in a new window, click on the **title of each of the first 5 articles links** and briefly review the articles found.

4. **Print out the 1st page of any article** from the results you reviewed and **attach it to this worksheet**.

5. When reviewing the articles click on **Cite** from the **Tools** menu on the right. Notice each citation style’s format. (e.g., APA, MLA, etc.)

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**C. Compare Results from Google & the databases.**

*Answer the following:*

1. Which resource includes a variety of search options to retrieve more relevant results?
   - ____ Google
   - ____ Database
   - ____ Both
   - ____ Neither

2. Which resource includes ads?
   - ____ Google
   - ____ Database
   - ____ Both
   - ____ Neither

3. Which resource retrieves more full-text journal and magazine articles?
   - ____ Google
   - ____ Database
   - ____ Both
   - ____ Neither

4. Which resource is best for college level research?
   - ____ Google
   - ____ Database
   - ____ Both
   - ____ Neither

5. Did any of the web pages you reviewed from your Google results feature an automatic citation tool like the **Cite** tool in Academic Search Complete?
   - ____ Yes
   - ____ No