

Digital Media Database Exercise

Information Literacy GEO this assignment addresses: Using Technology to Access and Manage Information. Most students are familiar with the databases that provide print materials – magazine, journal and newspaper articles. The Digital Media database provides primary and secondary materials in other formats – video, sound, images and animations. This exercise focuses on using these overlooked sources.

Objectives of assignment:

- Access Digital Media Center Databases through the Lakeland Library website and the OhioLINK website
- Viewing images in a browser
- Using special features in an image database

Preparation:

This exercise requires the use of a computer lab for hands-on computer instruction. The instructor should test the exercise in the lab to assure it is capable of performing all of the tasks in the exercise. This exercise can be customized to any subject area and use any Digital Media Database the instructor feels would benefit his/her students.

Assignment: Art and Architecture Database Exercise

1. Accessing the Database from the Lakeland Library Website:
 - a. From the Lakeland Library Webpage, go to “Books, etc” and move your cursor to “OhioLink Catalog” and click on it. Click on “OhioLink Home” on the top of the page. On the left hand side of the next page, click on “Digital Media Center”. On the left hand side, click on “DMC Databases”. Go to Art and Architecture and click on [OhioLINK access only](#)
 - b. From the Lakeland Library Webpage, go to “Articles, etc”, click on “Digital Media”, and click on “Art and Architecture Digital Media”

2. Accessing the Database from the OhioLINK Website:

Go to the Digital Media Center Databases:

http://dmc.ohiolink.edu/dmc_collectiondb.html

Go to Art and Architecture and click on [OhioLINK access only](#).

3. In the scroll box, select “Museum/Repository” and type “cleveland museum of art” in the search box. (Notice: there is no need to use capital letters in this search engine.)

How many records are there for the Cleveland Museum of Art? ____ (3533)

4. Go back to Art and Architecture and type in “and” and the name of any artist. You will now be searching the Cleveland Museum of Art slides for your artist.

- List the artist and title of the work:_____
- What date was this work created?_____
- What is the size of this work?_____
- What materials were used in the creation of this work?

5. Using the image viewer:

- a. Click on “Search Menu” at the top of the page.
- b. In the search box, type in “roses in a vase.”
- c. Click on the Renoir. Click Full View.
- d. After the image is displayed, go the bottom of the screen and click “Compare”.
- e. Return to your original search results page. (It should be in the other open window.)
- f. Click on the image of Roses in a Vase by Henri Fantin-Latour.
- g. Click Full View.
- h. Click “Compare” at the bottom of the image. You should now have both works side by side for comparison. Use the plus and minus signs to zoom in or out for details.

(Note: The images can later be changed by sending another work to the “Compare” function. You then click switch, so the new image will be on the left. You may now go back into the database and find another work to compare. The new item selected will always go to the right side of the screen.)

Important summation/review points:

Finish the exercise by reviewing what they have accomplished and how this applies to their college work.

- The Digital Media Center has multimedia databases with primary and secondary sources that will contribute to your college papers and projects. These include image, sound and video clips.
- Many of these multimedia databases have special features that enhance your appreciation of the material. Today we explored the viewer for the Art and Architecture database.

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