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One learning objective of this course was to locate research sources. Initially, I had attempted to use google, despite having a library class whose objective was to sensitize the class to the large network of academic research we already had. I continuously browsed google hoping for some direction for my exploratory essay. Many of these articles I found were either outdated or didn't have many credentials about the author.

I then used the City College library to identify research that I found useful. It was a little chaotic browsing through countless amounts of reading until I found out how to browse the abstract of each writing whose topic matched the direction I wanted to explore. I had to change my settings to match a timelier article or had to reword my thoughts to group writings to my specific topic. In the end, I found a few articles that led me on a path I could write fluidly.

During this combustion of data, I have learned how to navigate the City College library database, how to search for keywords that lessens my search result sometimes by the hundreds, and have learned how to browse strategically in finding journals that are better aimed at my objective.