Google Suite

Instructors: The purpose of this exploratory activity is to familiarize students with different Google Search Engines. These activities can be used in-class or as a take-home assignment. Encourage small group reflections about the questions, and what students discovered. Please see below for the assignment instructions:

Google Scholar

Go to https://scholar.google.com, and answer the following questions.

When you arrive at the Google Scholar site, do you encounter a simple or advanced search interface? (Circle one).

Click the arrow that indicates a drop-down menu. What happens?

Remain on the new interface, and search for happiness. Please answer the following questions:

How many results?

Exclude patents. Now how many results do you have?

Select the Case Law option. What does this do?

Go back to the Articles display, then click on the first result. Please provide the title and author.
Google News

Go to https://news.google.com, and answer the following questions.

Questions:

What are today’s Top Stories? Provide three titles.

1. 
2. 
3. 

Under the ‘Top Stories’ option, there are several more limiters – both geographic and subject-specific. Please list three of them.

1. 
2. 
3. 

Conduct a search for 2016 Presidential Election. Please answer the following questions:

How many results?

Do you notice a pattern among the clusters of article links?

Click on the link entitled ‘Explore in Depth.’ What happens?
Google Images

Go to https://images.google.com, and answer the following questions.

Questions:

Conduct a search for ‘American history’. What main sub-categories appeared?

Click on the ‘Search tools’ icon / button. What happens? Provide a brief but detailed description.

Go to the 'Usage Rights' button, and click on the dropdown menu. Please answer the following questions:

Provide a brief list of your search options.

Think about Fair Use, and say that you need an image for a PowerPoint presentation in your Communications 101 class. In order respect copyright in an educational setting, which option should you use in your Google Image Search?

Which Google Image search limiter will be most useful you in your research? Why?