# COM Research Assignment - *Instructions*

**Objectives:**

The Communication (COM) Research Assignment has two purposes:

1. To help students understand the research process as they learn how to use library to locate a variety of resources.
2. To help students evaluate the credibility and usability of resources for at least one of the COM speeches (either informative or persuasive.)

**In this document you will:**

* List **FIVE** sources related to your speech topic in  [MLA format](http://researchguides.cpcc.edu/citations). **Use a *variety* of sources** (books, eBooks, magazines/journal articles, news articles and no more than one website) from the library but **at least one source has to be a book or eBook.**
  + *If a book/eBook cannot be found, please discuss with your instructor.*
* **Evaluate each source.** (This should be a minimum of a paragraph – answering each of these questions.)

Is this source a good choice for your speech? Why or why not? Is the information you’re finding:

* + Relevant to your topic? From an author who is knowledgeable about the topic? From a source that is well-respected (like the New York Times, the U.S. Government, or Yale University)? Current enough?
* **Cite the source**. Give the MLA complete citation
* **Orally cite the source**. How would you orally cite the source in a presentation?
* Example:

“In their August 2009 article from *Personnel Psychology*, Julie McCarthy and Richard Goffin explain that applicants with high levels of social anxiety are perceived as less socially attractive and less intelligent.”

* **Save** the document and submit it to your instructor!

[**Encore, the Library Search Engine**](http://library.cpcc.edu/iii/encore/?lang=eng)

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**Student Name:**

**Instructor Name:**

**Date:** Click here to enter a date.

**Specific Purpose Statement:** What are you doing your speech on?

**Possible Search Terms:** Click here to enter keywords.

Source 1: Choose a source.

Click here to enter title.

**Evaluate this source. Why would this information be helpful in your speech? How do you know the information is reliable? Which points in your speech will this information support?**

Click here to enter the reasons why this source would be useful in your speech.

**Typed MLA Citation:**

Click here to enter citation.

**Give an example of how you might orally cite this source in your speech. Fill in the parenthesis below for this source:**

According to (enter name of author or source here), (enter source’s qualifications), in their (enter type of source here. Article, book, webpage, documentary, etc.) titled (Include name of the publication you are citing here) , published in (Include publication date here)…

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**RESEARCH ASSIGNMENT CHECKLIST: Before you submit, do you have...?**

1. A variety of 5 sources (books/eBooks/articles/news articles/websites)?
2. Thorough explanations for why chose your sources?
3. Correct oral and written citations?

***Congratulations! You’re finished!***