

Introduction to Expository Writing

Exercise 2a (due on class #11). The briefest of all exercises: Identify the water resource management issue that you intend to investigate in your next essay. The issue you investigate should be linked to a specific locale (e.g. southern California, Mississippi Delta, Chattahoochee River, Missouri River, New York harbor, Columbia River, Colorado River, Chesapeake Bay). You may find it useful to present the issue as a question.

List at least two articles with differing views on that issue. Include all usual bibliographic information.

In class, I described how to find articles in the “ProQuest” database. You can also use that database to look for articles, but you may find “Dow Jones Interactive” more useful. Follow the same path—from the MIT main page to “Libraries” to VERA. Then, enter “Dow Jones Interactive” in the available box. Once DJI comes up, click on “Publications Library.” You will then be able to search for your topic. Be sure to use “and” between the key words. For example, you might search for “Los Angeles and Imperial Valley and water.”

If you cannot decide on a topic or you are unsure how to proceed, please send me email.
Do not wait until the night before!!!