WRT 101 -- Library Research Tips and Strategies

1. **Shortcuts**
   
   Tools & Wildcards
   
   - "Ctrl" + "F" = Find
   - "*" = Multiple variations (e.g. wom*n = woman & women)
   - "" = Use quotes to find a phrase (e.g. “gender roles”)  
   - “site:.gov” to limit to a specific domain (works in Google)
   - “or” search to include synonyms (firearm* or gun* or arm*)

2. **PCC Library Catalog**
   
   Search the library’s catalog
   
   - Click in "Books & More" at www.pima.edu/library or under library tab in MyPima
   - Type in your search terms (keyword, author, title, or subject)
   - Refine your search by clicking "Modify Search." You can limit to a specific campus or material type.
   - Request an item that is available at a different campus

3. **MEGASearch**
   
   Search many library resources at once
   
   - Click on “MEGASearch” at www.pima.edu/library or under library tab in MyPima
   - Click on “Advanced Search” to limit/refine your search.
   - Limit and filter your results (e.g. scholarly journals published after 2012) with tools along the left
   - Email an article to yourself by clicking the Email tool along the right side when viewing info.
   - Click on “PDF Full Text” to view the article you selected.

4. **Research Guides**
   
   Explore a compilation of course related resources
   
   - Click on “Research Guides” and Search for: “WRT 101 – Writing I, Downtown (Campbell)”.
   - To access the Research Guide, go to: http://libguides.pima.edu/campbell

5. **ABC & D Test**
   
   Can your website(s) pass the ABC&D test?

   - **A) The Claim**
     Do you understand the claim? Is it relevant to your argument?

   - **B) The Authority of the Source:**
     Do the authors have relevant expertise?

   - **C) The Bias of the Source:**
     Could the author’s biases have distorted the truth or misled us?

   - **D) The Publication Type of the Source:**
     Does the publishing process increase our trust?

   → Use the ABC & D test to evaluate a relevant website:

   Website:________________________________________

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