**Activity 11: Identifying Commonly Cited Sources**

**Purpose of this assignment:** The goal of this activity is to help you understand the types of sources that are most commonly cited in research in the field and lead you to identify disciplinary authorities and recognize that authority is constructed and contextual.

**How does it fit within the entire project?** This activity will help you recognize the books, journals, databases, and scholars that are generally considered more authoritative than others and identify the types of sources that are most commonly cited by scholars in the field.

**Tasks required:** Complete the activity below.

**Deliverable:** Completed version of this handout uploaded to [LMS] by [deadline] (one per person) and participation on the discussion board of the [LMS] by [deadline].

**Estimated time:** [to determine based on the number of source provided to the students]

**Group work or individual work?** Individual work [can be also used for group work].

**Notes to instructor:**

* This activity was modified from a set of activities originally developed by [Jane Hammons](https://library.osu.edu/people/hammons.73).
* Have each student locate a set of academic journal articles relevant to the course or field a part of the exercise or provide students with a list of articles relevant to the CURE and assign different students or groups of students to work with specific subsets of articles from the list.

**Step-by-step:**

1. For each of your selected [or assigned] articles, you should review the citations **AND** the literature cited. Answer the following questions:
   * Rank the following source categories in order from most often cited to least often cited: academic journal articles, books, government reports, news and magazine articles, [insert other source types relevant to the CURE].
   * What other types of sources are cited?
   * Identify any scholar(s) whose work is cited multiple times by multiple authors across all sources.
   * Identify any journals that are cited multiple times. Are there journals that are cited more often than others? Which ones? Identify the top five.
   * Is there a specific source (e.g., an academic journal article) that is cited by a majority of other sources available to you?
2. Share your results on the [discussion board] by [deadline].
3. Between [date] and [date], review the combined results. Answer the following questions:
   * What types of sources seem to be most commonly cited by scholars in the field?
   * Are there any types of sources that rarely seem to be cited in the field?
   * Whose voices may be missing from these sources?
   * What did you learn in this activity that may be relevant to you as a future scholar in this field?