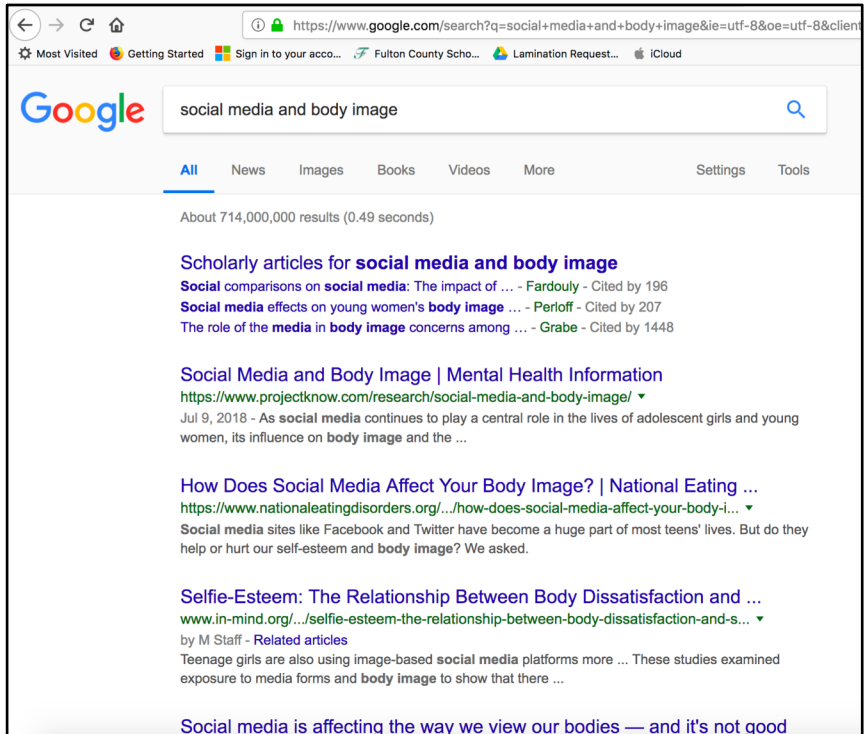


## RESEARCH QUICK GUIDE

**1** Set up your EasyBib account ([www.easybib.com](http://www.easybib.com)), if you haven't done so already.

**2**

Get acquainted with your research topic. Consider conducting some cursory research using a well-known search engine like Google. The sources you locate during this search may not be credible; however, they **can** give you a starting point in terms of learning the language or jargon of your topic. You can use this language to later do more sophisticated searches (described below).



**3**

“Up” the Credibility of Your Search. Consider using a search engine that “emphasizes high quality resources” like [www.sweetsearch.com](http://www.sweetsearch.com).

Although a search engine, this website is more tailored than Google, for example.



**4**

Conduct a More Sophisticated Search Using Authoritative Databases. As a student of Fulton County Schools, you have access to authoritative, subscription-only research databases. You can access these databases by following these steps:

- Go to Classlink
- Go to e-Library
- Go to MackinVIA
- Select your database of choice
  - Academic Search Complete
  - Galileo
  - Gale Opposing Views (this database contains the most student-friendly articles, i.e., more “digestible” text)

**5**

Export and/or save any selected resources to your EasyBib account. EasyBib will help you create MLA-compliant citations, even placing your sources in alphabetical order.

**6**

Review each selected source, reflecting on its value to your research, as well as assessing its credibility. See, especially, the section entitled **Assessment: CRAAP** on your graphic organizer. If your source doesn't pass this test, don't use it!

