Finding Quality Articles Transcript

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Hello and welcome to this informative video about finding quality articles using Copilot. My name is Dr. Bjorn Mercer, a Department Chair in the School of Arts, Humanities, and Education. The first thing we'll want to do is establish the context for finding quality articles. You should first look for articles in your textbook or in the classroom that are already presented to you by your instructor. Second, you should go to the APUS library and find articles using the search feature. Articles found in the library will typically be peer-reviewed, including journal articles, different articles, or even chapters from textbooks. You will be able to find quality information there.

Next, you can use Copilot to find quality articles. The first thing we want to do is open Copilot. If you have previous searches, you'll want to start a new chat to clear Copilot for new information. When using a generative AI platform like Copilot, you need a prompt. Here is the prompt: "Find quality articles about [enter your topic]. The context: This is for a 100-level college course about [enter your topic]. Find quality articles written by known experts. The tone should be academic." The output will be formatted in a table with columns for the title of the article, author(s), date of publication, link to the article, and summary of the article.

For example, let's find quality articles about information literacy. This is for a 100-level course about information literacy. We paste the prompt into Copilot and let it start thinking. It provides us with five articles. We look at the title, authors, date, link, and summary of each article. For instance, "Approaches to Information Literacy Conceptualization" reviews 38 scholarly articles, which is great because it can lead to additional articles. The link takes us to ERIC, which is a reliable source from the Journal of Information Literacy, ensuring the article is peer-reviewed.

Another example is "Untangling Media Literacy, Information Literacy, and Digital Literacy." This article is from a university in Belgium and is in English. You can always go back to the reference page of journal articles to find additional articles. If an article does not have a link, you can copy and paste the title and search for it. Copilot can also suggest more articles if needed.

Remember, the process of finding quality articles involves three steps: starting with the readings in your class, using the library, and then using Copilot to search for articles. Copilot can provide a starting point, but you still need to do more research to verify the quality of the articles.

This video is about finding quality articles using Copilot. My name is Dr. Bjorn Mercer, and thanks for watching.