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Get their attention with the workshop title!

“Keep the ‘Research’, Ditch the ‘Paper’”

Improving Research Assignments

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What the faculty say…

"Students open a window onto a search engine or database. They punch through to the first half-dozen items. Snatching random gems that seem to support their preconceived thesis, they change a few words, cobble it all together…"

Use faculty member's words, familiar terminology and perspective.

--Marc Bousquet

What the students say…

Engage faculty interest by using student quotes

How do freshmen conduct college research assignments?

Invite faculty response to student comments

Faculty listen to research—use compelling data from PIL

PROJECT INFORMATION LITERACY

A national study about college students' research habits

Since 2008, we have surveyed over 11,000 students at more than 50 U.S. colleges and universities to study how they find and use information for courses and in their daily lives.

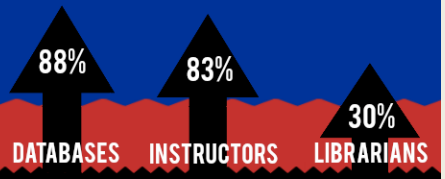
WHAT IS MOST DIFFICULT ABOUT RESEARCH?

84%
GETTING STARTED

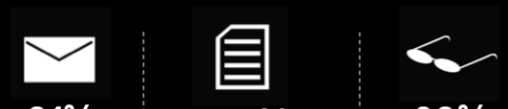
7 OUT OF 10 STUDENTS USE WIKIPEDIA

92%
SEARCH ENGINES

WHAT OTHER SOURCES DO STUDENTS USE FOR COURSE RESEARCH?



WHAT DO STUDENTS DO IN THE LIBRARY DURING CRUNCH TIME?



81% CHECK MESSAGES

73% PREPARE ASSIGNMENTS

62% STUDY & REVIEW

fear, angst, tired, dread, excited, anxious, annoyed, stressed, disgusted, intrigued, confused, & overwhelmed.

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ADJECTIVES STUDENTS USE TO DESCRIBE HOW THEY FEEL ABOUT RESEARCH ASSIGNMENTS

Add visual interest

http://projectinfolit.org

What really happens when they get the assignment? The Student's Burden

Help faculty see the student's perspective—what really happens

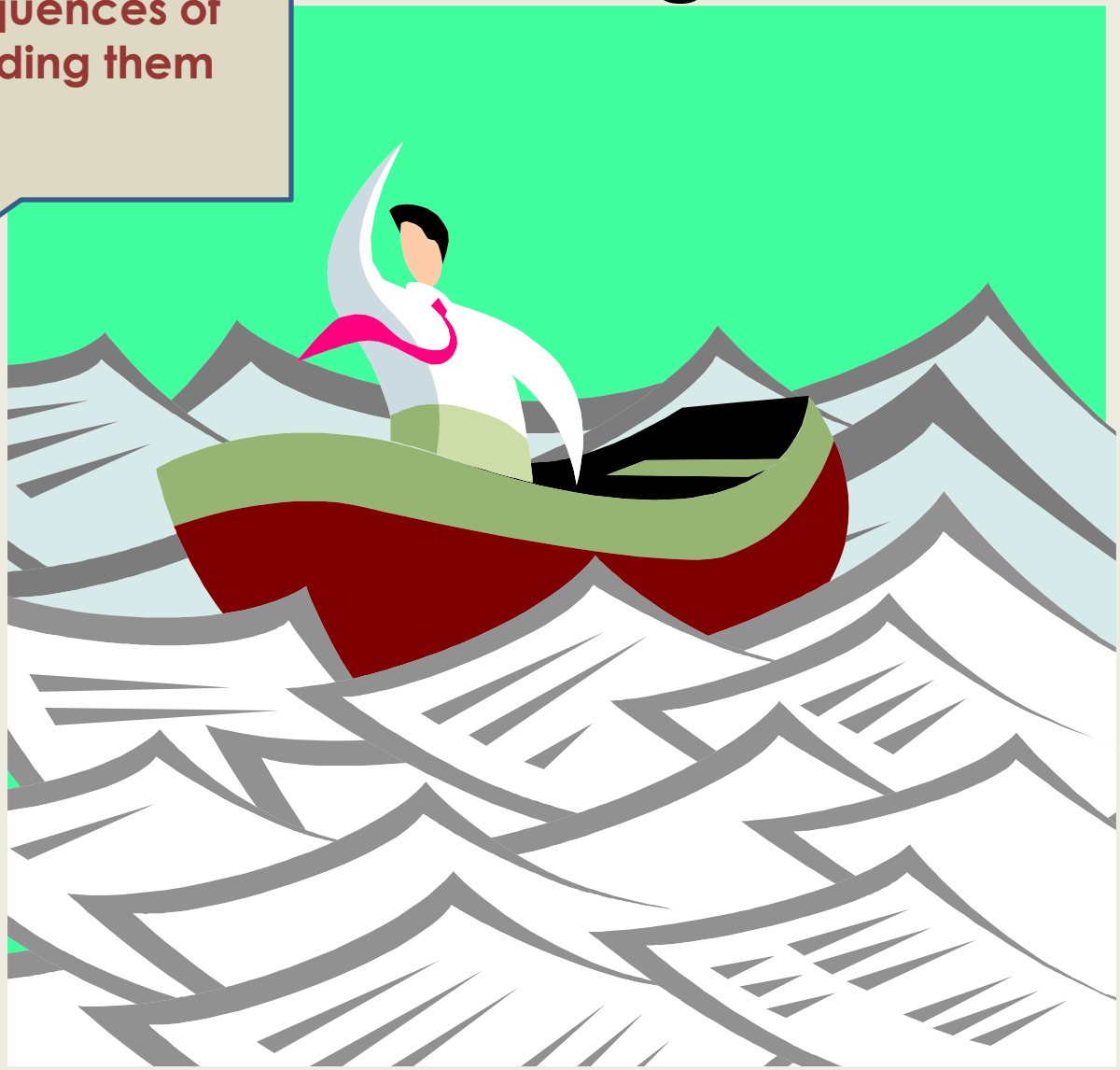
Any Topic

- Capital punishment
- Legalization of marijuana
- Abortion

Lacking background, students will fall back on the familiar; need for guidance

Finding

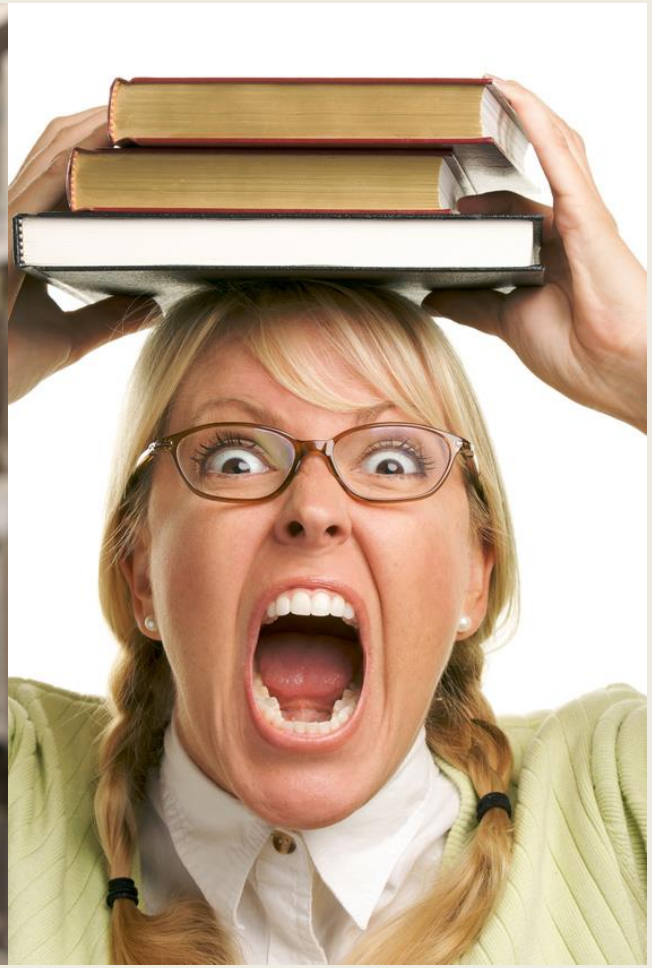
What are the consequences of not guiding them here?



Sources

What is wrong with this picture?

- 2 newspaper articles
- 3 books
- 3 scholarly articles (print)
- No Internet!!



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