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Complicating Research

Subject Searching

Keywords

college access, high poverty, high minority schools, social capital

Reddick, R. J., Welton, A. D., Alsandor, D. J., Denyszyn, J. L., & Platt, C. S. (2011). Stories of Success: High Minority, High Poverty Public School Graduate Narratives on Accessing Higher Education. Journal of Advanced Academics, 22(4), 594–618. https://doi.org/10.1177/1932202X11414133

For this source I used sage journals and implemented simple subject searching. I typed in the words "minority stories" into the databases and went through a bunch of sources looking for, ones that directly correlated to equality in the classroom. After I used this method I was able to look through the keywords provided by the article and use them to further search articles similar to the one I found. Using this feature of Syracuse libraries and using other search engines helped me look through a more diverse category of articles and ones more specific to the topic I was looking for.

Cited in

Griffin, K. A., & Reddick, R. J. (2011). Surveillance and Sacrifice: Gender Differences in the Mentoring Patterns of Black Professors at Predominantly White Research Universities.

American Educational Research Journal, 48(5), 1032–1057. https://doi.org/10.3102/0002831211405025

By typing the name of the author of my first article into google scholar I was able to find his other works and figure out how many times they'd been cited. I came across another one of his articles also detailing the stories of black minorities and their experiences at predominantly white universities. This tool was helpful because I was able to find more well respected articles that also aligned with the content I was looking at.

Backlink Searching

I used the link provided and backlinked the first article I used. It provided a list of 100 websites and listed which ones had the most authority over the article. This search engine was a bit confusing to me because I felt I was only being redirected to where I was before. I think it might not have worked because I used too common of a site but I understand the idea and how it can be helpful when looking for sources.