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| Title | **Evaluating Web Search Tools** |
| **Due Date** | **Due Saturday** |
| Where to Post | Click on "New Post" button above and type your response in the space provided below.  Click Save. |
| Subject | Your Name / Evaluating Web Search Tools |
| Points | 10 |
| Criteria | * On time, posted in the correct forum, correct subject line. Correct grammar, spelling and usage. * Demonstrates an understanding of how to use search engines and directories when searching the internet. * Writes 200 word essay on Web resources. |
| Objective | Use subject directories and search engines and develop effective strategies for searching the WWW in order to find the most useful web sites for your topic. |

#### **Assignment**

#### **Step One:**

Go to this website: [Bare Bones 101: A Basic Tutorial on Searching the Web.](http://www.sc.edu/beaufort/library/pages/bones/bones.shtml)

* Lessons 1 - 4 are essential.
* Lesson 7 (Tips) and Lesson 10 (Troubleshooting) will save you time and spare you some frustration in Web searching.
* Lessons 5, 6, 8 & 9 will sharpen your advanced searching skills.
* Lessons 11-15 list features of selected search engines. (Don't do the Final Exam.)

Using at least one search tool from each of the four categories below, search for useful information related to your topic.

1. Search Engines
2. Meta-search Engines
3. Subject Directories /Gateways
4. Subject-Specific Directories

#### **Step Two:**

1. For each type of tool (e.g. search engine), conduct a search on your global topic.
2. Describe your search terms, strategy, and results.
3. Review your findings and identify the four most relevant, significant, and useful websites you found.
4. Write a 200-word analysis comparing the different types of search tools you used. List the search tool that you used to find each website.
5. Describe which type of search tool seemed to give you the best results and why. INCLUDE THE URL FOR EACH WEBSITE!

Tip: Be specific. Avoid general statements such as "Google was the best because it has everything." (Keep in mind that Google has a lot, but it actually *doesn't* have everything, and sometimes having everything isn't necessarily what you want.)