Research Assistance for Di Biase Newspaper Assignment

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Newspapers can be found on the 2nd floor.

The formats differ. They may be available in **print**, **microfilm**, or **electronic**. We offer many current newspapers in print such as the *Atlanta Constitution*, *Anniston Star*, *Los Angeles Times*, *USA Today*, and the *Washington Post*. There are also a number of current regional newspapers as well such as the *Gadsden Times*, *Huntsville Times*, *Birmingham News*, *Montgomery Advertiser*, and *Jacksonville News*.

Older newspapers are located in microfilm and electronic formats only.

Since your assignment focuses on events that occurred in a specific time period the best and *easiest* way to locate articles will be to use the database called **ProQuest Newspapers**.

- 1. Go to the library website using www.jsu.edu and then click on "library".
- 2. Next click on the link that says "Databases/ Electronic Resources".
- 3. Under the heading "Databases by title" use the dropdown box to locate ProQuest Newspapers.
- 4. Once you have arrived at ProQuest Newspapers click "All ProQuest Newspapers". This will allow you to search all of the newspapers within the database. (You may also choose to search specific newspapers within this database as well.)
- 5. Beside the "Date Range" entry field you will see a drop down box. Click on the black arrow in the grey box and find "Specific Date Range..." and then select it.
- 6. In the search fields with *mm/dd/yyyy* type your birthday into both fields. For example if your birthday is August 3, 1987, it would look like this *08/03/1987*. Applying these limits to your search will force the computer to locate articles published on the date that you choose.
- 7. Check the full text box so that the computer will locate complete articles only.
- 8. Once you have set up your search to find articles published on your birthday you can get more specific by typing in search terms such as "War" or "Alabama" in the "Basic Search box"

Your assignment requires that you find:

International News National News Regional and State News Local News

If you would like to search the **archives** at the **Anniston Star** you can do so by using this site <u>http://nl.newsbank.com/sites/ansb/</u>. This will help you to search the archives, however the search is *very* limited.