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**LOC/UK RESEARCH TRIP INFO LITERACY/TOPIC FOCUS SELF-ASSESSMENT**

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Because of the time/cost/commitment involved in a major research trip to a world class research library, it is important to begin the journey by assessing your readiness to get the expert help you need to be successful. Be realistically honest about your progress and areas where you need to seek help. In addition to the 1 to 5 general stages of progress to mark below, compose concise additional descriptions to the strategic questions to contextualize your research for information experts. Make 1 page 2 sided copies to give experts as you begin a help seeking encounter to orient them to provide the right help quickly. [*It is like a researcher’s version of a heathcare provider’s case history to start an appointment!*] 4

**Information Literacy Research Skills**

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| Feeling challenged: little knowledge or experience with finding research beyond Google | Basic familiarity with online library catalogue searches and online databases | Some experience with Key Word Searching (Distinguish popular & scholarly sources) | Experienced with Key Word Searching(Can translate interests into & relevant topics) | Experienced  Researcher (have done academic research successfully before) |

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What research skills do you need guidance about in order to move forward?

I need greater ability to find relevant research articles for my doctoral dissertation from the vast pool of information available.

What information sources (subjects) or research systems (physical collections, electronic databases, etc.) or topic experts (in person or virtual) do you need to locate and productively access to move forward? Provide succinct statements for each below.

Information sources (subjects):

Transformative Learning, Leader Development, Interpersonal Neurobiology, Adult Development, & Narrative Psychology.

Research systems (physical collections, electronic databases, etc.):

ProQuest, Library of Congress, OATD, Google Scholar, Semantic Scholar.

Topic experts (in person or virtual):

Daniel Siegel M.D., Jack Mezirow, F. Leron Shultz & Steven J. Sandage, John H. Cole & Todd W. Hall, Frederick M. Hudson, Donald E. Polkinghorne.

**Degree of Research Focus**

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| Need help identifying a specific research topic | Have research issue & study target population & goal for doing research | Have Research Problem & need to narrow topic & Research Purpose | Have written Research Prospectus & ID’d study participants | Already have specific research topic and want guidance |

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My Research Problem or Qualitative Research Question is:

How have the organizational leaders at DSG (Dufresne, Spencer Group) changed through the process of participating in the Life Legacy Cohorts?

My research Purpose and/or Hypothesis is: (why doing this research?)

A qualitative, instrumental case study to understand the relationship between transformative learning and effective leader development.

My research population is:

15 Executive Leaders at DSG Corporation

Topics I need to find research sources on for my Literature Review include:

Transformative Learning, Leader Development, Interpersonal Neurobiology, Adult Development, & Narrative Psychology, Leader Mentoring, Executive Coaching

Keywords related to my research include:

Leader Development, Transformational Learning, Interpersonal Neurobiology, Qualitative Case Study Methods, Personal Transformation, Transforming Spirituality

Seminal authors in my research area include:

Daniel Siegel M.D., Jack Mezirow, F. Leron Shultz & Steven J. Sandage, John H. Cole & Todd W. Hall, Ram Charan, Robert Quinn, James E. Loder, Donald E. Polkinghorne, Michael Q. Patton, Robert K. Yin.

Theoretical Frameworks or Models used to understand my research area include:

Nicholson & Murray (2021), The Human Operating System (2021). J. H. Turner (2003), The Structure of Sociological Theory. P.G. Northouse (2021), Leadership Theory and Practice. F. M. Hudson (199), The Adult Years: Mastering the Art of Self-Renewal.



I need to find Instruments that address the following issues or constructs:

Relevant models & examples of Qualitative Interview Guides for Case Study Research.