Library Home Page
http://www.library.virginia.edu/

VIRGO, the Online Catalog
http://search.lib.virginia.edu
- Catalog of the U.Va. collections of books, journal articles, journals, video recordings, manuscripts etc.
- Journal articles
- Renew books, request interlibrary loans

Research Portal
http://www.library.virginia.edu/research/
- “Popular” databases
- Subject guides – databases and other information arranged by subject. Contact info for subject librarian.
- A-Z list of databases and by type of information – government information, maps, newspapers…
- Research “tips & tools”

Sociology Subject Guide
- Sociological Abstracts – includes “cited by” information
- Includes data, polling, survey, media and other resources.
- Linked from Sociology Department home page

Media Studies Subject Guide
- Links to Communication & Mass Media Complete, MLA Bibliography, & Film & Television Lit Index.

Music Subject Guide
- Links to Encyclopedia of Popular Music, RILM Abstracts of Music Literature, Rock’s Back Pages and other music indexes. Includes several UVA sites for listening to particular types of music.

Academic Search Complete
- Interdisciplinary, covers both academic and popular journals.

PBS Videos
Streaming videos originally broadcast on PBS. Includes several of Ken Burns' series, American Experience, Scientific American Frontiers, and many others.

Factiva and Lexis/Nexis
- Best databases for news coverage. Factiva is particularly good for foreign news.
- Also include news magazines

MLA Bibliography
- Scholarly articles on literature and film. Includes articles on the Twilight Saga for instance!
SERVICES
Interlibrary Loan (ILL)
http://www.library.virginia.edu/services/ils/
U.Va. doesn’t have what you need? No problem. We’ll borrow it from another library, or have an article scanned and emailed directly to you.

Reference
http://www.library.virginia.edu/askalibrarian/
We are available to help with your research daily from 8am-midnight. You can chat, email, phone, text, or come visit a library in person!

Research Consultations
http://guides.lib.virginia.edu/sociology
Don’t know how to focus your topic, or find on-point academic articles, or just the right statistic to support your view? You know your topic and interest, I know research resources. I might just be able to help. Give it a try!
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TOOLS
EZ Proxy
♦ Connect to U.Va.’s databases from your apartment or home.
♦ Be sure to go to the database via a U.Va. Library page, then just Netbadge in. Simple!

RefWorks
http://www.refworks.com
♦ Format bibliographies and citations automatically in over 400 styles including ASA, MLA, etc. Use in conjunction with WORD to write papers, dissertations, etc.
♦ Access your RefWorks account from any computer, anywhere

Writing Help
http://guides.lib.virginia.edu/writinghelp
Tips & how to avoid plagiarism.

EVALUATING WEB RESOURCES
♦ Currency – check the date of the page. When was it last updated?
♦ Reliability – verify facts. Is the page accurate?
♦ Authority – who created the page? Is the author an expert in the subject of the page? Is there independent evidence of that – news interviews (think a Lexis/Nexis search), congressional testimony?
♦ Purpose – why was the page created? Is it a mask for advertising? An “unbiased” non-profit might not be so “unbiased.” Even .mil and .gov pages may have a point of view.

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