Sample Topic: Divorce

**Religion and Society**

- Includes Ethics, Sociology, Psychology, Ethnic Studies, Gender Studies
- Engages theories: Critical Race Theory, Deconstruction, Feminist Epistemology, Postcolonialism, Queer...
- Employs methods: Qualitative*, Quantitative, Mixed
  - *Qualitative Methods include: Case Studies, Participant Observation, Interviewing, Grounded Theory...

**Encyclopedias**

- **Ethics**
  - Encyclopedia of Ethics, 2001 [Ref. BJ63 .E45; also online through Credo Reference]
  - Dictionary of Ethics, Theology and Society, 1996 [Ref. BJ63 .D45]
  - Encyclopedia of Environmental Ethics and Philosophy, 2009 [Ref. GE42 E533]
  - Encyclopedia of Religion and Nature, 2005 [Ref BL31 .E465; also online]
  - Mainline Christians and U.S. Public Policy, 2007 [Ref. BR515 .U88]

- **Sociology**
  - New Blackwell Companion to the Sociology of Religion, 2010 [Ref. BL60 .B53]
  - Sage Encyclopedia of Qualitative Research Methods, 2008 [Ref. H61 S234]
  - Encyclopedia of Social Theory, 2006 [Ref. HM425 .E46]
  - Encyclopedia of Religion and Society, 1998 [Ref. BL60 .E53; and online]
  - Encyclopedia of Social Work, 2008 [online]

- **Psychology**
  - Gale Encyclopedia of Mental Health, 2008 [Ref. RC437 G36]
  - Mental Measurements Yearbooks [Ref. BF431 .M46]

- **Ethnic Studies**
  - Class in America, 2007 [Ref. HN90 .S6 C564]
  - Encyclopedia of African American History
  - Multicultural America: An Encyclopedia of the Newest Americans, 2011

- **Gender Studies**
  - Encyclopedia of Feminist Theories, 2000 [Ref. HQ1190 .E63]
  - International Encyclopedia of Men and Masculinities, 2007 [Ref. HQ1090 I58]

- **Education and Children**
  - Praeger Handbook of Religion and Education in the United States, 2009 [Ref. LC111 .P78]
  - Encyclopedia of Children and Childhood: In History and Society, 2004 [Ref. HQ767 .B45; also online]

**Key Journals**

- **Ethics**
  - Journal of Religious Ethics
  - Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics
  - Environmental Ethics
  - Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture

- **Sociology**
  - Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion
  - Research in the Social Scientific Study of Religion
  - Review of Religious Research
  - Sociology of Religion
  - Social Compass: International Review of Sociology of Religion
  - Sage online journals

- **Psychology**
  - Pastoral Psychology

- **Gender Studies**
  - Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion

Some key theorists: Bourdieu, Du Bois, Fanon, Foucault, Freud, Fowler, Kohut, Weber, Winnicott

Searching the Catalog
• **Ethics**: Christian Ethics, Social Ethics
• **Sociology**: Christian Sociology, Postcolonialism, Power (Social Sciences)
• **Psychology**: Object Relations (Psycholanalysis), Psychic Trauma, Systemic Therapy (Family Therapy)
• **Ethnic Studies**: African Americans, Asian Americans, Ethnicity, Ethnology United States, Hispanic Americans, Minorities
• **Gender Studies**: Feminist Theory, Gender Identity, Homosexuality, Queer Theory
• **Education and Children**: Children, Christian Education, Moral Development, Moral Education, Religious Education

**Periodical Databases**
- PsycInfo
- SocIndex
- Anthropology Plus
- Womens Studies International
- Gender Watch
- Ethnic Newswatch
- ERIC
- Education Research Complete

**Special Topics**
- **Human Rights**
  - Country Reports on Human Rights Practices (US Dept of State)
  - International Religious Freedom Report (US Dept of State)
  - Center for Gender and Refugee Studies
  - Human Rights Watch
  - LGBT Religious Archives Network
- **International Relations**
  - Faith, Ethics and Public Life
- **Statistics and etc.**
  - Government Documents: GPO Access
  - Census Bureau
  - Statistic Abstract of the U.S. (alternative site)
  - Bureau of Justice Statistics
  - Bureau of Labor Statistics
- **Religion Statistics**
  - ARDA
  - Adherents.com
  - American Religious Identification Survey
  - 2010 U.S. Religious Census [BL2525 .A15] [sample page]

**Searching the Internet**
- **Google** (use Advanced, and employ limiters)
- Classified indexes to web sites
  - Wabash Center Guide
  - Drew University Library guides by subject
- Evaluating web sites
- Citing web sites

**See also**: Online Guide to Religion and Society and to RLSOC725: History of Western Christian Ethics