Homework Assignment 2: Search Engines

1. Choose one of the following research questions below:
   a. Are adults with autism more violent than typical adults?
   b. Does having PTSD put you at risk for alcoholism?
   c. Can eating more protein make you smarter?
   d. Does use of social media increase narcissism? How do we measure narcissism?
   e. What kinds of managers do employees like the best?

2. Based on the research question chosen, try coming up with some terms to search.

3. Use the search terms from above in each of the following three platforms:
   a. general search engine (Google, Yahoo, Bing, etc.)
   b. Google Scholar
   c. PsycINFO

4. Answer the following questions:
   a. What kind of information did you get from the general search engine you chose?
   b. Which platforms will give you the most up-to-date research?
   c. Were the results based on research, or do you see more commercial websites or blogs?
   d. Which of the three search platforms is the easiest to use when you want a general overview of a topic?
   e. Which of the three platforms makes it easiest to know if information has been peer-reviewed?
   f. How might you refine your search to get more research-based hits?