Data Hunts
Information Literacy Activity and Discussion
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Easier access to research data is changing the research landscape. Investigate the data available for your research topic through the library's catalog and open-access sources.

Objectives:
- *Identify data sources related to a particular topic*
- *Evaluate the context for data sources related to a particular topic*
- *Determine additional data sources/variables needed on a particular topic*
- *In writing, analyze the data available on a particular topic*
- *In discussion, describe and analyze the scholarly implications of your findings*

ACRL Information Literacy Frames Addressed:
Authority Is Constructed and Contextual
Information Has Value
Research as Inquiry
Scholarship as Conversation
Searching as Strategic Exploration

Project Description:
Using the library's catalog and open-access sources, locate data sources related to your research topic. Feel free to cite datasets that are included in research studies. Feel free to add rows.

Data Citation (include DOI/link if possible)	Source (Publisher)	Purpose of Collection	Variables Measured	Open-Access (Y/N)	What variables would you have collected for this study/sample? (N/A if no changes to current collection)

Based on your findings, are there any "voices" missing from the data collected on your research topic?

Based on your findings, what aspect/feature of your research topic seems underdeveloped?

Class Discussion Prompts/Ideas to consider:
- Did you notice any recurring sources/publishers?
- Did the data you found match the data you expected to find?
- Did any questions/concerns about data privacy arise during your search?
- What terms or phrases did you use when searching?