Research Tutorial Assignment

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Put your responses to the following five tasks below into the body of an email message and send it to me (bates@hanover.edu) by class time on Friday, 21 February. (Remember that some of these resources might not be available to you outside the campus network.)

- 1. Go to philpapers.org and do a general search on "kelly instrumentalist rationality" (w/out quotes). Locate an article/book chapter in the results list that you think *directly* replies to Thomas Kelly's ideas about the instrumentalist conception of epistemic rationality. Provide the following information: Author, title, source (journal or book title), year of publication, and abstract (if available).
- 2. Go to the Philosopher's Index online. (You can get to it from the Duggan Library homepage under "Research" and "A-Z List of Electronic Ressources.") Find a full-text *journal article* written by one of the authors we're reading this term by doing an *author search* on his/her name. (It cannot be one of the assigned readings.) Provide the search terms for your search, and the permalink to the detailed record for that journal article. (To get to the detailed record, click on the title in the results list. The permalink button is low on the right-hand column of the detailed record page. You'll have to cut and paste the permalink into your homework assignment.)
- 3. With the detailed record from problem #2 open, open a new tab (or window) and go to JSTOR.org. Does JSTOR have any access at all to the *journal* your article was published in? If it does, is the *issue* of that journal available on JSTOR? If it is, provide the stable url for the pdf of your article. (You'll have to copy and paste that into your homework assignment.) If not, just say so.
- 4. While still at JSTOR, do an <u>author search</u> on Richard van Iten. (He's Geology professor Heyo van Iten's dad.) What did you find? (Give complete citation details and urls.)
- 5. Go to Google Scholar (scholar.google.com). Think about a topic in epistemology that you think you might like to explore more deeply than we have done in class. (It doesn't have to be something we've really even touched on.) Try a search on Scholar to find sources on that topic. Did anything you're interested in come up on the first page of results? If not, try adjusting your search (probably by narrowing it). Anything that time? Provide your search terms and the details of one record (author/title/url) that came up on the first page that you find interesting.