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Zotero for scalable embedded librarianship and instructional assessment

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What do students learn & apply from instruction sessions?

And how can Zotero help us track & assess this?

What do students think about Zotero as a communication method?

Does a librarian in that space work for them?

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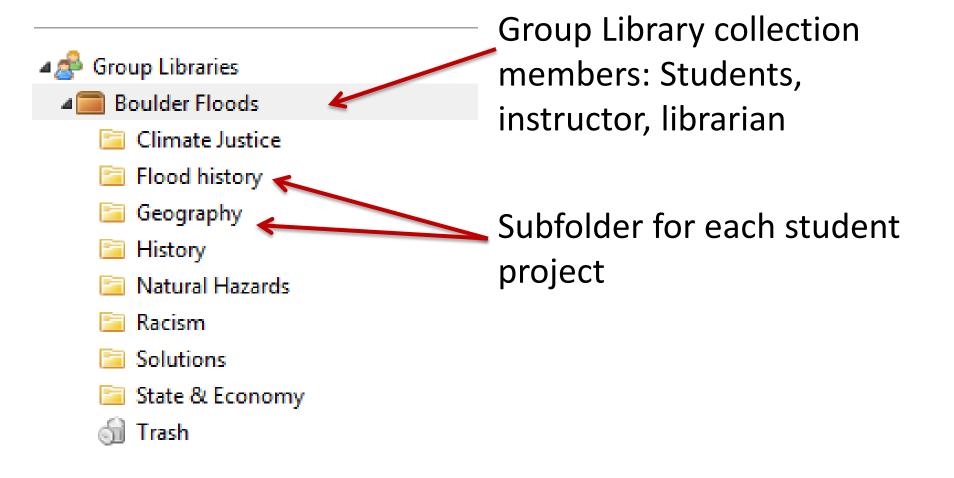
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- Low time cost
- Communication via a tool valuable for its own sake
- Circumvents institutional barriers to librarian presences in course management systems

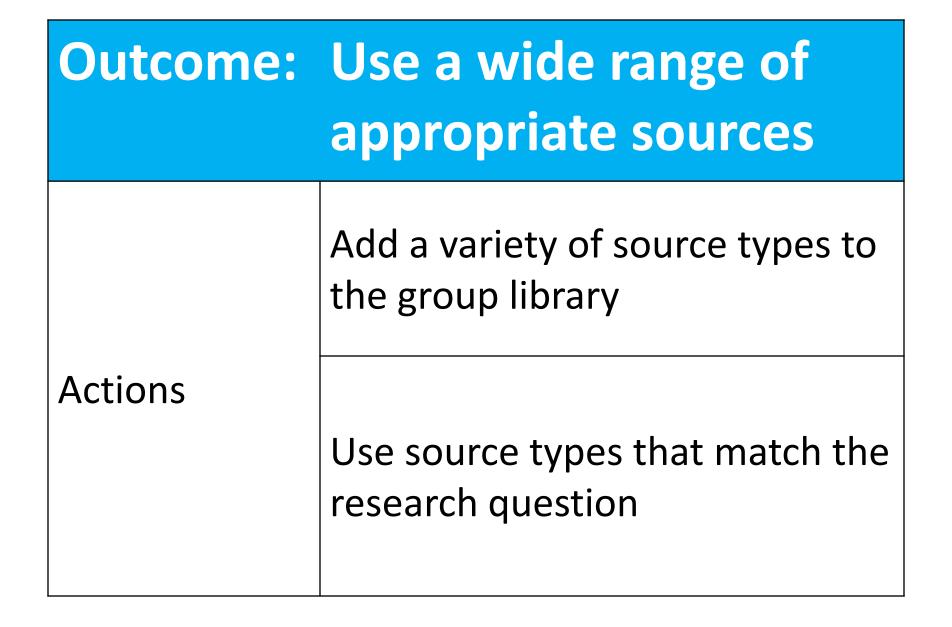
Why use Zotero for assessment?

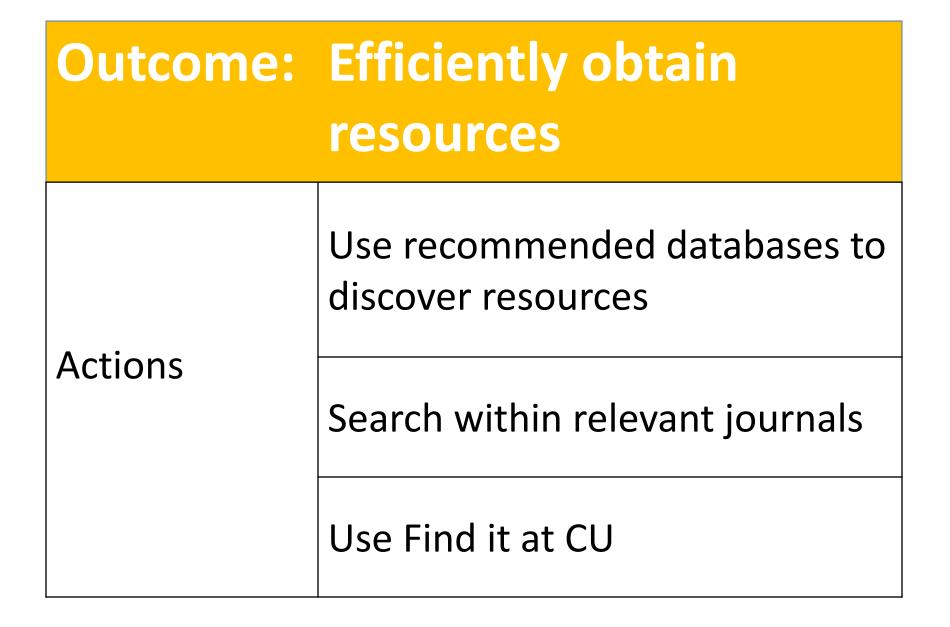
- Formative assessment throughout the course
- Summative assessment at the end of the course
- Quick, easy ways to visualize source information

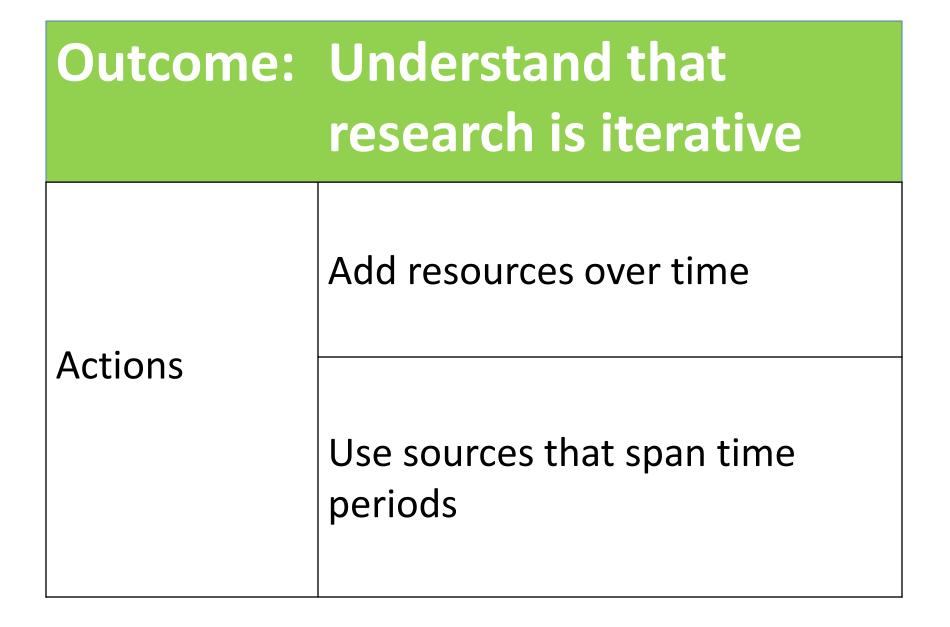
Setting Up



Outcome:	Use Zotero to manage resources effectively					
	Save and share material to the group library					
Actions	Use Zotero to create citations					
	Use Zotero for other research					







Tools for assessment

- Snapshot of research at a particular moment
- Sort and order sources within the folder
- Zotero Timeline
- Export to Excel
- Paper Machines

Use Zotero to manage resources effectively

Quick snapshot

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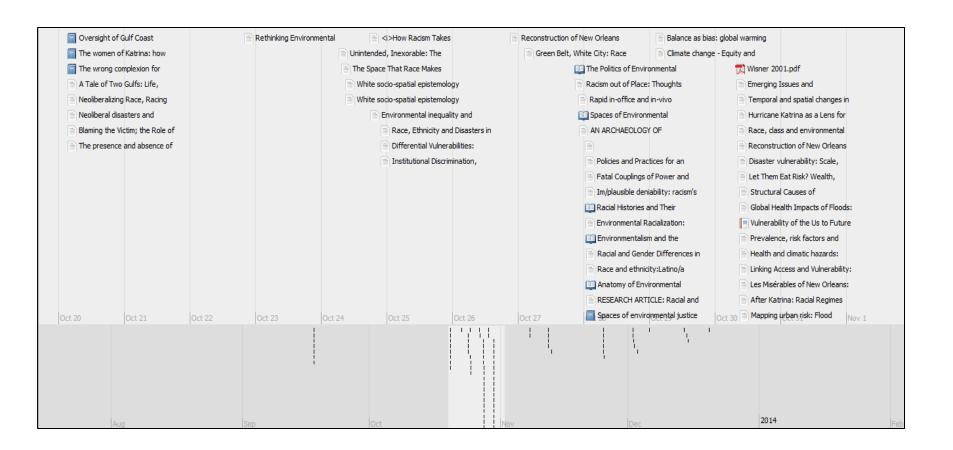
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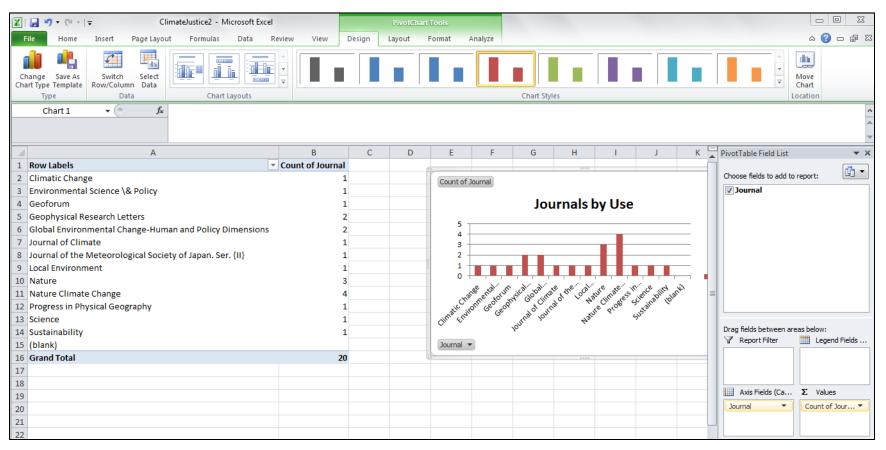
Use a wide range of appropriate resources Understand that research is iterative

Zotero timeline



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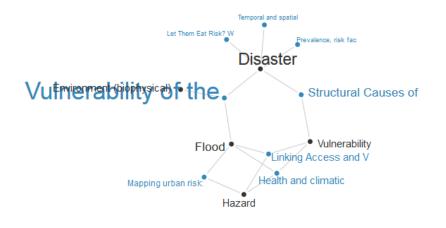
Zotero to Excel



Export collection to BibTeX>Open in JabRef>Export as .csv>Open & explore

Use a wide range of appropriate resources

Paper Machines plugin





"It is helpful to look at what other students have to say."

> "Any help I could get is awesome, as long as they labeled that it was their comments and not mine..."

"...having librarian/instructor access would be super helpful rather than having to deal with emails, etc." "It would be really useful to work directly through zotero rather than through email :)" "It might depend on whether I have met the people who are commenting."

"I might want a folder that only I have access to, but group folders are useful for sharing info"

Changing Instruction

• Focus on public/private capacities of Zotero

• Schedule second session earlier to reinforce idea of iterative research

• Earlier instruction on finding data, government reports and grey literature

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