



## Library Instruction Session Evaluating Sources Child Marriage in the United States



### The Issue

The minimum marriage age in most U.S. states is 18, but exceptions in 48 states allow those younger than 18 to marry.

*Why is or isn't it important for the United States to set 18 as the minimum legal age of marriage?*

### The Exercise

Working with a partner, compare the sources in the five pairs below.

- Why would or wouldn't you use these sources in a paper for English 100?.
- For those you would use, how might you use it? In other words, what purpose would it serve?

### 1. First Pair

Using one computer,

- Using *OneSearch*, find and view the ebook *america child bride: a history of minors and marriage in the united states*

Using another computer,

- Google: *why can 12 year olds still get married in the united states*

### 2. Second Pair

Using one computer

- Google: "*unchained at last*"
- Select the website **Unchained At Last : UN-Arrange a Marriage** at [unchainedatlast.org](http://unchainedatlast.org)

Using another computer,

- Use *OneSearch*, find and view the article *child marriage in the united states and its association with mental health in women*

***Continue examining the sources on the other side of this paper***

### 3. Third Pair

Using one computer,

- Google: *marriage age in the united states wikipedia*

Using another computer,

- Google: *policy brief child marriage vermont commission*

### 4. Fourth Pair

Using one computer,

- Google: *republican refuses to repeal child marriage law allowing girls aged 13 to wed*

Using the other computer,

- Google: *why new jersey orthodox jews stalled a bill banning child marriages*

### 5. Fifth Pair

Using one laptop,

- Google: *setting the age of marriage at 18 can have a huge impact on child marriage*

Using the other laptop,

- Using YouTube, find the video *america has a massive child marriage problem*