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Sega has recently displayed a fun, new interactive type of technology. This new technology is a "virtual sandbox." This innovative interactive technology allows the participants to sculpt their own landscapes using the "special" sand provided. Once the individual has finished sculpting their features for example forests, lakes, valleys, mountains and so on, the correct color and texture of that feature is projected onto the sand itself. In the past, Sega only developed game consoles but it seems now they are branching out. As exciting as this new technology sounds Sega did disclose that the company is going to keep this product inside Japan.

I tried to find two additional articles on upcoming interactive technology using two different search engines (Bing and Yahoo). Using Bing and Yahoo to search for articles made me remember why I like Google so much. When I was using Google to find my first article I found that Google searched for my keywords in the header and body of the articles that popped up after I hit the "search" button. When I was using Bing I noticed that the articles weren't as well organized as they were on Google. It took me quite a while to find a good article on Yahoo because it kept taking me to articles published several years ago. Bing did this as well which meant I had to click on several articles before I could find one that I could use. Google, on the other hand, gave me very recently written articles. Also I had to be more specific when I was typing in my keywords into Yahoo and Bing where as when I used Google I could be more vague with my wording. I think if I had to choose between Yahoo and Bing I would choose Bing.

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The article about Episcopal High School using new interactive technology was written on the twentieth of September, 2014 and hasn't been updated since. This article did in fact relate to my first article which was on interactive technology. It was difficult to determine if the author of the article was qualified to write this article. The author of the article was Charles Lussier. I tried to research him but there were several results and it was hard to pinpoint the "right" Charles Lussier. However, his email address was next to his name on the article so it would appear he has some authority on the matter. The article seemed to be pretty accurate seeing as that there was a link to a video about the topic right above the article. I believe the article was written to inform and nothing else. There weren't any biased opinions in the article that I could see.

I used the same keywords for each database. I did this because I wanted to see what results I would get if I used the same keywords in the same order while using different databases. The keywords I used were; "upcoming interactive technology 2014." I used the databases ProQuest and ABI/Inform Complete. I used ProQuest because I was familiar with that database and it had served me well in the past. I used ABI/Inform Complete because it seemed easy to use. I don't like using databases that are difficult to negotiate.

Using the internet was easier for me because databases intimidate me a little because they seem so "vast." However, using the databases gave me more articles to work with and were more topic specific. The internet and the databases were both easy to use and neither surpassed the other in "ease of access." As far as authority goes I would go with the databases. The databases seemed more "professional" and they listed the

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publisher, source, date published etc. While I was looking on the internet for articles it was often difficult to find information that should have been easily accessible like the topics listed previously.

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