



Frustrated? Confused? No problem!

- Ways to get help
- Who can help me?
- How do I get resources?
- How do I do research when I don't live in Spring Arbor?







Distance Student Resources

- You have the SAME access as the on-campus students - delivery is different
- Books/videos mailed to your home; postage-paid label included.
- eBooks and full-text electronic articles will give you immediate access
- Puzzled by where to start? Call the librarians for help!

 Also happy to work with you via conferencing tools such as Zoom, Skype, Google Hangouts, etc.



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Library Website Tour: We have a handy video tour: http://youtu.be/NtPtYiTzyhU

WHITE LIBRARY



Accessing Electronic Resources

- Any time you try to click a link to a resource (ebook, journal article, etc.) from the White Library website, you will need to log in.
- Any time you want to see other protected information, such as the books you have checked out in your library account, you will need to log in.
- Borrowing items through MelCat? You will need to log in there, too.
 Review the following slides to see how!

White Library: saulibrary@gmail.com











Plotting your research strategy

- Develop your topic
- Brainstorm synonyms see worksheet













Tips to consider:

- > Plan to begin research early!
- Be flexible- may need to change search terms.
- Try to think of research as an adventuremakes the process a bit less intimidating.
- Contact the library if you're stuck!



Subject searching vs. keyword searching

Both are useful, but what's the difference?

- *Subject Searching:* allows researcher to focus on the primary topic of the overall article.
- *Keyword Searching:* allows researcher to search for a particular word anywhere in the text of the article.



Truncation

- To cut short; abbreviate.
- Uses symbols such as * or ? to represent letters or whole parts of words to help you catch as many variations on a word as possible when searching.
 - Example: searching by *woman* wouldn't find *women*, but searching by:
 - Wom?n finds both words Wom?n* finds their plurals
 - Use the database's Help file to determine which symbols it uses if the standard symbols aren't operating as expected.

Supplemental example: http://lib.colostate.edu/tutorials/truncation.html

Searching for eReference Articles

























search~S0?/X%22macbeth%22&SORT=D/X%22macbeth%22&SORT=D&extended=O&SUBKEY=% 22/1%2C81%2C81%2CB/frameset&FF=X%22macbeth%22&SORT=D&1%2C1%2C







- Peer reviewed
- Date ranges
- Full Text use cautiously





Where can I find my article?

- If the item is in full-text in the database you searched, you will see either a PDF or HTML full text link.
- If a full-text option is *not* listed in the database:
- "List of Journals @ SAU" link to search for journal
- MelCat or ILL



A word about MelCat and ILL

- > Allows us to outsource materials the White Library does not own.
- Can take extra time to arrive; coming from other libraries. Be sure to plan ahead.
- **Tip:** If it looks important and you have at least a couple days you can wait, order it. Find a backup source just in case.



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	Accuracy	Auth	ority	Objectivity					
	Currency	/	Coverage						
Evaluating Internet Resources handout: http://goo.gl/xUJCBV									



Why the library databases?











APA Citation Assistance

- Publication Manual of the American
 Psychological Association, 6th edition
 - $^{\circ}$ Current standard that APA citations are based on
- Other APA Assistance:
 Purdue Online Writing Lab (OWL): <u>http://owl.english.purdue.edu</u> - great website to find citation information.
 - APA Style Blog: <u>http://blog.apastyle.org/</u> great place to find updates since the manual publication.

APA Assistance- SAU

SAU Resources:

- Detailed APA index (compiled by Karen Parsons):
 <u>http://sites.arbor.edu/whitelibrary/files/2013/12/</u> <u>APA-Publication-Manual-index_6th-ed_use.pdf</u>
- SAU Librarians: <u>saulibrary@gmail.com</u>



DOI, cont'd

- What if my DOI is just a number and not a URL?
 Use this: <u>http://dx.doi.org/</u> and type your DOI number in after that.
- What if I find just a DOI number?
 You can use CrossRef to find the publisher's webpage that shows the article's publication information (www.crossref.org)
- What if I have an article, but no DOI?
 - Not all articles have DOIs
 - You can check for one here: <u>http://www.crossref.org/SimpleTextQuery/</u>
 - Explanation on how to use:
 - http://sites.arbor.edu/whitelibrary/files/2013/12/DOI.pdf



