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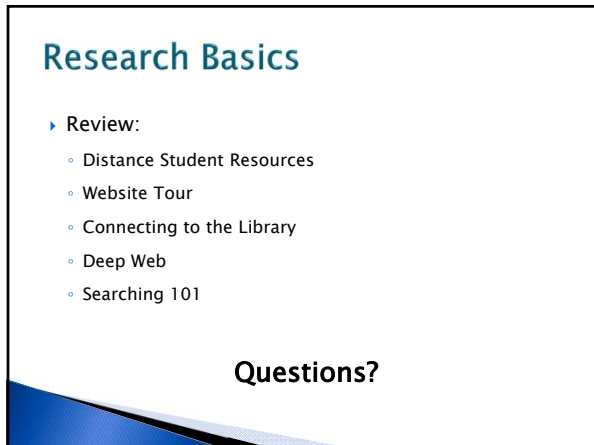
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## Research Basics

► Review:

- Distance Student Resources
- Website Tour
- Connecting to the Library
- Deep Web
- Searching 101

Questions?

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## Thinking About Research



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## Plotting your research strategy

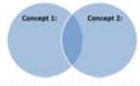
- Develop your topic
- Brainstorm synonyms – see worksheet



**The Basics**  
Think about the topic that you plan to write about. Usually, you are creating a pencil that will either offer about a topic, and often, you are answering a question with your paper.

Research Topic/Question: \_\_\_\_\_

What individual words can you think of that would represent the essence of your topic? Write them in the circles below:



What if the exact words you chose above aren't in the database? Let's think of other words to substitute for your original words.

Concept 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Concept 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Related word: \_\_\_\_\_ Related word: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Related word: \_\_\_\_\_ Related word: \_\_\_\_\_

**Search Strategy:**  
Recall the presentation information on broad and narrow kinds of resources. Checkmark the kinds of resources you plan to research for your topic.

reference books  eBooks  journal articles  credible websites\*\*

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## Sample Worksheet

Research Topic/Question: What impact does human trafficking have on society?

What individual words can you think of that would represent the essence of your topic? Write them in the circles below:



What if the exact words you chose above aren't in the database? Let's think of other words to substitute for your original words.

Concept 1: Human Trafficking Concept 2: Societal Impact

Related word: Modern Slavery Related word: Business  
 Related word: New Abolitionist Related word: Economics  
 Related word: Not for Sale Related word: Human Dignity  
 Related word: \_\_\_\_\_ Related word: Crime

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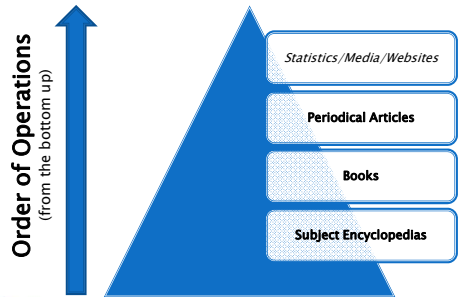
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## Research Strategy

Order of Operations  
(from the bottom up)



Statistics/Media/Websites

Periodical Articles

Books

Subject Encyclopedias

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### Tips to consider:

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

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## Searching for eReference Articles




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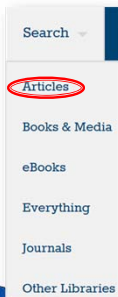
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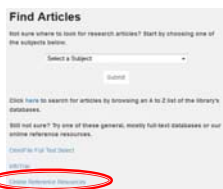
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### Beginning your Research: eReference articles



Mouse over the "Search" button, and then click on "Articles."

Next, choose "Online Reference Resources".




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## Searching, cont'd...


**Online Reference Resources**

**CG Researcher** CG Researcher is noted for its in-depth, unbiased coverage of health, social trends, criminal justice, international affairs, education, the environment, technology, and the economy. Reports are published weekly in print and online 44 times a year.

**CreDO Reference Digital Library** – Offering 551 fully-searchable online titles from over 70 publishers.

Choose a resource from the list; we often suggest **CreDO Reference Digital Library**.

Log in when prompted; search for your terms in the database.




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## Searching for Books & eBooks




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## Searching – eBooks

**Search**

- Articles
- Books & Media**
- eBooks
- Everything
- Journals
- Other Libraries

**Need an eBook? Click here.**

- Go to Advanced Search on the right side of the screen:

**Other Searches:**

- Advanced Search**
- Author and Title Search
- Music Call Numbers

- Type your search terms in the box and then select eBooks below:

Location: ANY, Main Collection (upper level), **eBooks (online)**, Reference (main level), CDs (lower level)

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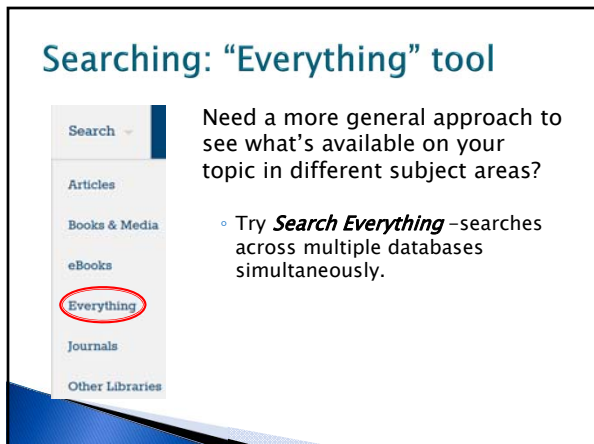
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### So...where does the catalog/database search?

► **Catalog:**

**Author:** Chaucer, Geoffrey.  
**Title:** Shakespeare's works / by William Shakespeare.  
**Publication Info:** Madison [N.J.] : Fairleigh Dickinson University Press ; London, MD : Rowman & Littlefield Pub. Group, c2012.  
**ISBN:** 9781444813040 (pbk. : alk. paper) ; 9781444813057 (hbk. : alk. paper)  
**Subject:** Shakespeare, William, 1564-1616 -- Characters -- Iffans. -- Iffans. -- Iffans.

http://ezproxy.arbor.edu/search-507/XN22macbeth%22&SORT=D/XN22macbeth%22&SORT=D&extended=0&SUBKEY=X/706584&site=eds-live&scope=...

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### Where is it searching?, cont'd

► **Database:**

**Database:** EBSCOhost  
**Title:** THE DRY SALTNESSES: TOPOGRAPHY AS SYMBOL.  
**Author:** ...  
**Source:** ...  
**Accession Number:** ...

http://ezproxy.arbor.edu/.../direct=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=ofs&AN=509706584&site=eds-live&scope=...

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### 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.

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### A Couple Important Database Limiters...

- ▶ Peer reviewed
- ▶ Date ranges
- ▶ Full Text - use cautiously

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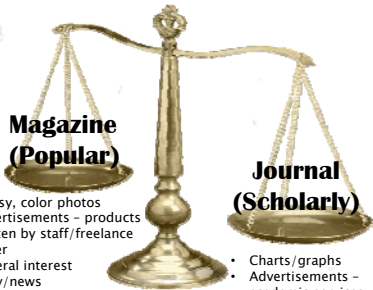
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### What kind of article is this?



- Glossy, color photos
- Advertisements - products
- Written by staff/freelance writer
- General interest story/news
- Simple language

- Charts/graphs
- Advertisements - academic services
- Written by researcher
- Original research/experiment
- Language of the discipline

**More Info:**  
<http://sites.arbor.edu/whitelibrary/files/2013/12/Scholarly-versus-Popular1.pdf>

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### 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

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### PDF vs. HTML

<p>▶ PDF</p>  <p>Photocopy of original journal article. Page numbers clearly displayed.</p>	<p>▶ HTML</p>  <p>Plain text either with or without pictures/graphs/charts. No distinct page numbers.</p>
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### 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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### Evaluating Internet Resources



Graphic from <http://www.fastlaneqc.com/tutorials/google-is-not-the-internet/>

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## Evaluation Criteria

Accuracy	Authority	Objectivity
Currency	Coverage	

Evaluating Internet Resources handout:  
<http://goo.gl/xUJCBV>

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## Additional Citation Help

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<http://www.library.purdue.edu/resources/2400143> (References from sample paper)

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## APA Citation Assistance

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

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## APA Assistance- SAU

- ▶ **SAU Resources:**
  - Detailed APA index (compiled by Karen Parsons): [http://sites.arbor.edu/whitelibrary/files/2013/12/APA-Publication-Manual-index\\_6th-ed\\_use.pdf](http://sites.arbor.edu/whitelibrary/files/2013/12/APA-Publication-Manual-index_6th-ed_use.pdf)
  - SAU Librarians: [saulibrary@gmail.com](mailto:saulibrary@gmail.com)

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## Contact Us!

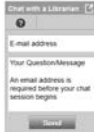
- ▶ **Feel free to ask us questions!**
  - General e-mail: [saulibrary@gmail.com](mailto:saulibrary@gmail.com)
  - (517) 750-6742 or (800) 968-9103 x1742

**OR**

- Look for this tab on the White Library homepage for more Help options!

▶ **If you see this:**  **We're online and available to answer questions LIVE!**

▶ **After hours? Try the 24/7 chat feature!**



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