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READ

Level Three RESEARCH IN A SUBJECT AREA

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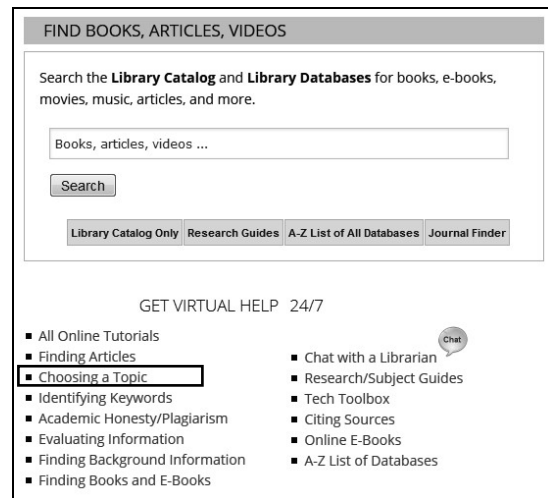
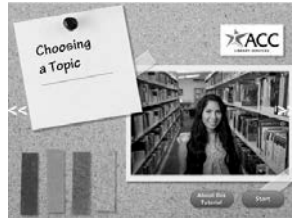
1. CHOOSE A TOPIC

Begin on the library home page on the computer. If you are in the library, this page will open automatically.

Complete the short **Choosing a Topic** tutorial to prepare for your research.

To get to the tutorial:

Under **GET VIRTUAL HELP 24/7**, click on **Choosing a Topic** in the list of tutorials.



Write your topic here: _____

Now write a sentence describing your topic: _____

What word or words will you use to search for information on this topic? These will be the **keywords** you will use to search for information.

After you have narrowed your topic, try thinking of different ways to approach it.

Do you want to simply define and describe an issue?

Example: "the problem of personal Internet use in the workplace."

Do you want to explain how the issue has been addressed?

Example: "Techniques for monitoring personal Internet use in the workplace."

Do you want to argue for a position on the topic?

Example: "Monitoring Internet use in the workplace violates employee privacy."

Ask yourself:

What do I already know about the topic?

What interests me most about it?

What are the issues?

Do I have specific ideas or opinions on the issues involved?

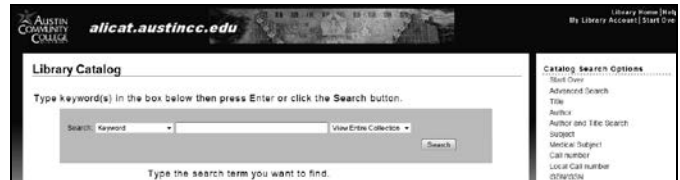
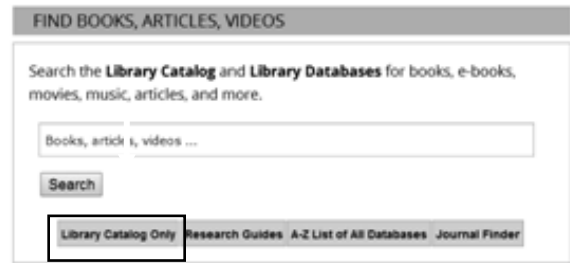
Get help from a librarian if you need it.

4. FIND A BOOK ON A TOPIC

Go to the Find **Books, Articles, Videos** search box in the middle of the page. Select the **Library Catalog Only** button.

Use **Keyword** search to locate a book on a topic of your choice. (This is the first option you will see on the search page.)

Type your search terms in the search box and click **Search** or press **Enter** to get results. Ask a librarian for help, if necessary.



Search hints:

If you type more than one word, those words will usually be treated as a phrase.

Use **AND** between words to combine two or more concepts: "teenagers **AND** alcohol."

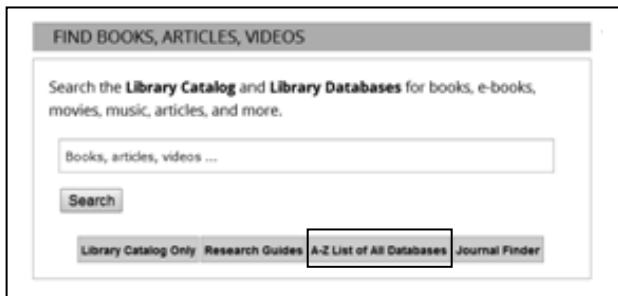
Use **OR** between words to expand your search, with words that are similar in meaning (synonyms):

"teenagers **OR** adolescents" or between related concepts where you want to find information on any or all of them: "drugs **OR** alcohol **OR** addiction."

Click on one of the underlined titles in your Result List. You may need to scroll down and go to the next page to see all the items found.

5. FIND AN ARTICLE IN A MAGAZINE OR JOURNAL

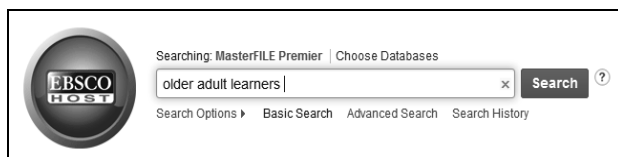
Academic Search Complete is a good place to begin your search for articles on your topic. This database provides articles on a wide variety of subjects and includes magazines, academic journals and other sources. Many articles are full text and can be printed, emailed or saved.



Go to the Find **Books, Articles, Videos** search box in the middle of the page. Select the **A-Z List of All Databases** option.

Click on **A** in the **Alphabetical list of e-resources**, then select **Academic Search Complete**.

Type words describing your topic into the search box and click **Search** or press **Enter**.



You may need to try different words for your search if the ones you first use do not get you the results you want.

7. Teaching the Adult Student.

By: BRADY, DARCIÉ. *American Jails*. Nov/Dec2014, Vol. 28 Issue 5, p25-26. 2p.
Subjects: ADULT students; LEARNING -- Methodology; ADULT education; ADULT learning; OLDER students
Periodical PDF Full Text (1.4MB)

8. In praise of older learners.

By: Wilkinson, Graham; Capener, Sandra. *Adults Learning*. Feb97, Vol. 8 Issue 6, p158. 2p. 1 Black and White Photograph.
Subjects: ADULT education
Periodical HTML Full Text

Tools

- Add to folder
- Print** ←
- E-mail

Look at your Result List. You'll find two types of full text articles: HTML Full Text and PDF Full Text.

PDF Full Text is a graphic, like a photocopy. These articles must be opened and printed with Adobe Reader software, which is on all the library computers.

Click on the **hyperlinked** article title to view the article and its abstract (summary).

Use the **Print** tools to print HTML Full Text.

Use the PDF print tools for PDF Full Text articles. Attach the printout to this packet. Ask the librarian for help if you need it. **Fill in the following for your article:**

Author(s) (if given): _____

Name of magazine: _____

Article title: _____

Date published? _____ Volume number _____ Page numbers _____

6. FIND AN INTERNET RESOURCE

Start with a search engine, such as **Google.com**, to locate resources that are useful for college research.

Type this URL (address): **http://www.google.com** in the browser search box.

Use your search terms to find information. Look at the results. Are there good information sources here?

Yes _____ No _____



Use the **Advanced Search** Icon in the upper right corner of the page. Limit the search to a particular domain. Try .edu (for colleges and universities) .org (for **organizations**) .gov (for state or federal **government** pages).

Ask a librarian for assistance if needed.

Once you have found a good source of information, **fill in the following:**



Author(s) (if given): _____

Name of source/sponsor: _____

Date published or last updated: _____

URL (Web page address): _____

Date accessed (date you visited the page): _____

7. CITING YOUR SOURCES

Write your four sources in bibliographic form. When you use ideas or words from a source you must cite or document where these came from. There are many ways to do this. Ask librarians for help in using the particular citation style your professor prefers (example: MLA, APA, Turabian). For this exercise **follow the examples given below. Be sure to include commas, colons, periods, quotation marks, and underlining where the examples do.**

Reference Work:

Last name of author, First name of author. "Title of Article." Title of reference source. Vol. number. City where published: Name of Publisher, year published.

Book:

Last name of author, First name of author. Title of book. City where published: Name of Publisher, year published.

Example for books:

Drago-Severson, Eleanor. Becoming Adult Learners: Principles and Practices for Effective Development. New York: Teachers College Press, 2004.

Article (either from actual paper magazines or from a database online):

Last name of author, First name of author. "Title of Article." Name of Magazine Vol. number, Date of issue:page numbers. If using a database, add: Name of database. Web. Date you accessed the article.

Example for articles (from full text articles from a database online):

Vaccaro, Annemarie, and Cheryl D. Lovell. "Inspiration from Home: Understanding Family as Key to Adult Women's Self-Investment." Adult Education Quarterly 60.2 (2010): 161. *MasterFILE Premier*. Web. 29 June 2014.

Internet resource

Last name of author, First name of author (if given). "Title of Page." Name of web site sponsor. Copyright or date of last update. <URL> Date of access.

Example for web pages (first date is from the web page, the second is date you visited it):

"Characteristics of Adult Learners." R.I.T. Online Learning. Rochester Institute of Technology. 2012. Web. <http://online.rit.edu/faculty/teaching_strategies/adult_learners.cfm> 29 June 2012.
