

Specker Memorial Library Student Research Guide

Or

The "Oh My Gosh, I have a Research Paper to Do! What Do I Do Now?" Guide







Purpose of this Research Guide

Greetings CCSJ Students!

The purpose of this guide is to:

- Familiarize you the student with the essential steps needed to write a well thought out research paper
- Assist students with the development of search strategies to locate print books and database articles on your chosen or assigned topic utilizing the electronic resources available at the Specker Memorial Library (SML)
- Make students aware of the variety of databases available to them at the SML
- Provide students with a step by step approach for accessing, printing, and emailing database articles
- Guide students to more effectively understand the key components of an academic article
- Assist students with developing a critical eye when it comes to evaluating articles from online sources
- Differentiate among the several different citation styles available when accessing database articles

Essential Steps for a Successful Research Paper

(based on information obtained from *The Best Schools.org*)

1. Know Your Task

- It's very important to understand what your instructor or professor is asking for **before** you start writing your research paper
- Spend time going over the assignment
- If you aren't sure, ask your instructor or professor for clarification

2. Pick Your Topic

• Use the guidelines given by your instructor or professor to help pick your paper topic

3. Research Your Topic

- Skim. Identify key points and arguments without getting bogged down and reading every word.
- Find reliable resources. Check out the sources on the article, use keywords from your internet search to search an academic database, or ask an expert whether or not what you learned is valid and if it is, where you can find a reliable source stating the same thing. Work to understand all of the different viewpoints and schools of thought on your topic. This can be done by reading a variety of articles, reading a book or article that gives an overview of the topic and incorporates different points of view, or talking to an expert who can explain the topic in depth.
- Be a critical reviewer of the information you recover and strive to understand multiple viewpoints on the topic

4. Organize Your Research

- Begin creating your bibliography.
- Bookmark electronic resources you will be using
- Use sticky notes or notecards if you prefer a printed list of sources

5. Form a Thesis

- Develop your thesis a short statement to your readers on what you intend to prove or explain
- Avoid making your statement personal; i.e. "My paper is going to prove that...."
- Take advantage of the *CCSJ Student Success Center* to check on appropriateness of your thesis. A poorly constructed thesis is not a good way to begin your paper!

6. Create an Outline

• Unless your instructor is asking you to construct a particular style of outline and turn it in, don't be so concerned about adhering to a rigid pattern. Organize the information for your paper in a manner that fits the assignment and the information you have.

7. Write

- For your initial draft, focus on the writing and less on grammar and being perfect
- Review your research before starting to write
- Work from your own ideas on the subject while utilizing your research. You will less likely fall into plagiarism traps.
- Word-for-word quotes will require citations however common facts such as "the Earth is the third planet from the Sun" does not require citing

8. Edit for Content

- Examine your paper to see if the structure, organization, wording, and length is appropriate and meets the requirements of the assignment
- Once again consider utilizing the services of the CCSJ Student Success Center to look over this stage of your paper – a second set of eyes is always useful

9. Edit for Grammar and Check Those Citations

• Check your paper for proper grammar and punctuation. There are several print sources available in the CCSJ library collection for assisting with this task:

Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association 7th Edition
Chicago Manual of Style 17th edition
MLA Style Manual 9th edition 2021
Associated Press Style Book 55th edition 2020

in addition to several online resources such as *Grammarly*. Be sure to check with your instructor to see if there is a specific style resource you should be following for citations.

10. Re-read and Submit Your Research Paper

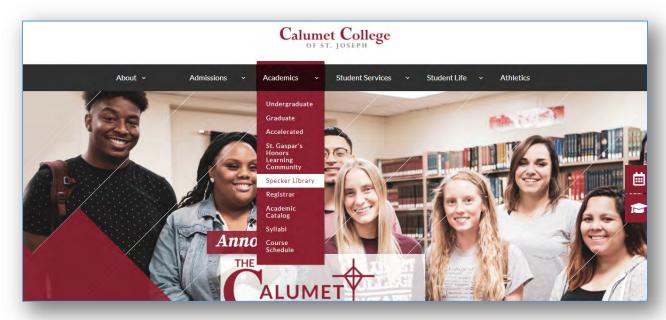
 Plan on turning your paper in early in case an "emergency" comes up such as your printer is not working



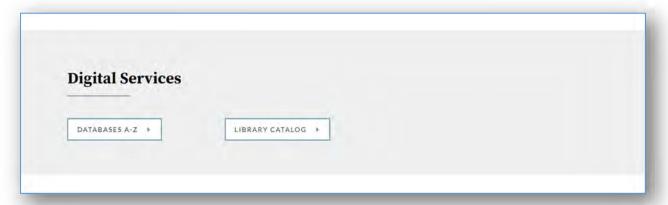
Locating Research Material in the CCSJ Library

Research material in the CCSJ library is of two types: print and online. To access books/videos in our collection for your research topic, please follow the steps outlined below:

1. Go to the CCSJ.edu website:

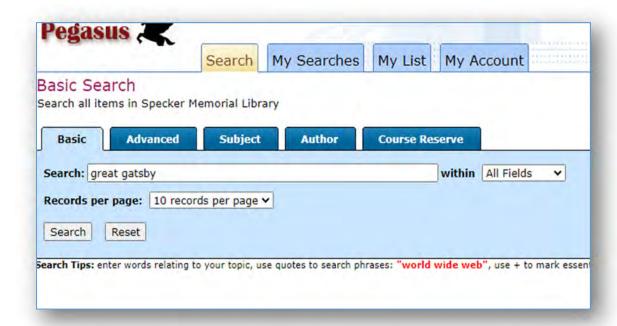


- Click on the "Academics" link
- Locate the "Specker Library" link on the pull down menu.
- 2. To access the online catalog to obtain print and digital media housed in the library, click on "Library Catalog":



- 3. The online catalog can be searched using various approaches:
 - Basic locates materials that contain the words you type in

- Advanced Allows you to utilize "Boolean" logic which enables you to refine your search using qualifiers such as AND, OR, or NOT
- **Subject** locates materials by using predefined Library of Congress Subject Headings. For example, for materials on the Civil War you would need to use the subject heading "united states civil war" not "war between the states". Library of Congress Subject Headings are available at https://www.loc.gov/aba/publications
- Author allows you to locate all the print holdings the library has by a particular author
- **Course Reserve** if your instructor has put an item on reserve for your class, you can locate it through this search alternative:



- 4. Library books are shelved by the Library of Congress call number system, in a combination of alphabetic and numerical order. DVDs (both popular titles and academic) are shelved on the first floor of the library near the circulation desk alphabetically by title. They are available for check out by the campus community. The entries that come up for your search will tell you if the item is available for check out and also its location. Locations usually include:
 - "Stacks" the four shelving floors located to the right and past the Collaboration Rooms
 - "On Reserve-Inquire at Circulation Desk" These are materials that instructors have
 placed in a special reserved section at the circulation desk. Check with the circulation
 desk for details on obtaining these items
 - "First Floor-Reference"- These materials include encyclopedias, dictionaries, and subject specific quick reference books. Their use is usually limited to in-house use only but special arrangements can be made with the librarian to check them out overnight

- "Fiction-1st Floor" here you will find a sampling of the fiction works in our collection. These are shelved alphabetically by author.
- "Rare Book Collection", located next to the fiction area on the 1st floor and include books from around the world usually dating prior to 1900.

Below is a typical read-out based on a search in the online catalog:

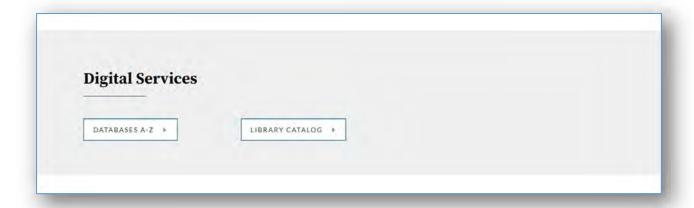
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          produced by Baz Luhrmann ... [et al.]; executive producers, Barrie M. Osborne and Bruce Berman, Shawn "Jay Z"
          Carter; a Warner Bros. Pictures presenta
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          Fitzgerald, F. Scott (Francis Scott), 1896-1940.
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  3 Great Gatsby / by F. Scott Fitzgerald.
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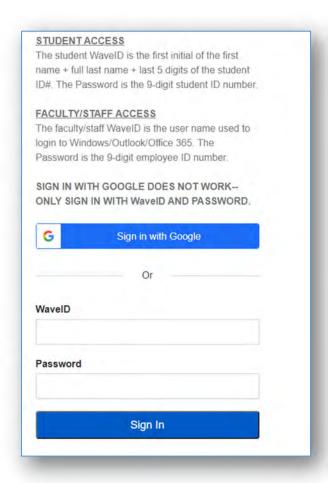
To access online materials through our database offerings for your research topic, please follow the steps outlined below:

- 1. If you wish to explore the databases:
 - Click on "Databases A-Z".
 - Be prepared to enter your student Wave ID which is the first initial of the first name + full last name + last 5 digits of the student ID#.
 - Then enter your password which is your 9-digit student ID number.

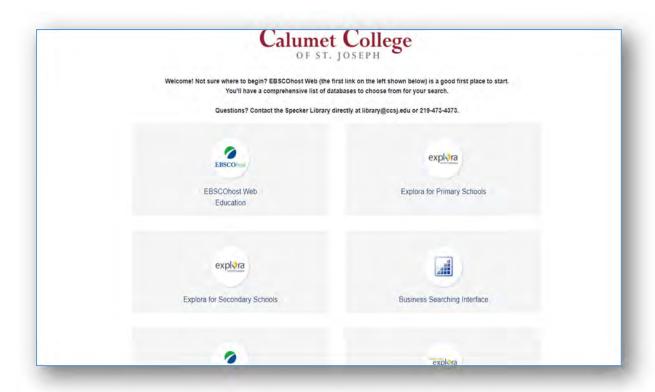
The library has a significant collection of online journal articles provided by EBSCO, one of the largest database vendors in the world. When you have learned how to use the Specker Library databases, you will be able to search EBSCO Databases at any public or academic library.



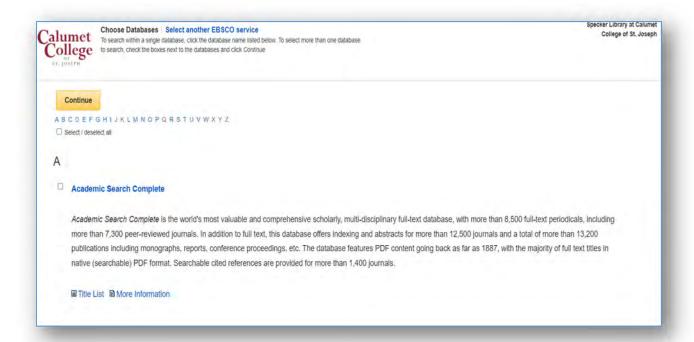
- 2.
- After clicking on the "Databases A to Z" link, enter your student Wave ID which is the first initial of the first name + full last name + last 5 digits of the student ID#.
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3. While there are several specialized databases and research assistants available from this page, it is suggested that you start your research by clicking on the **"EBSCOhost Web"**. This will take you to the main page containing the databases.

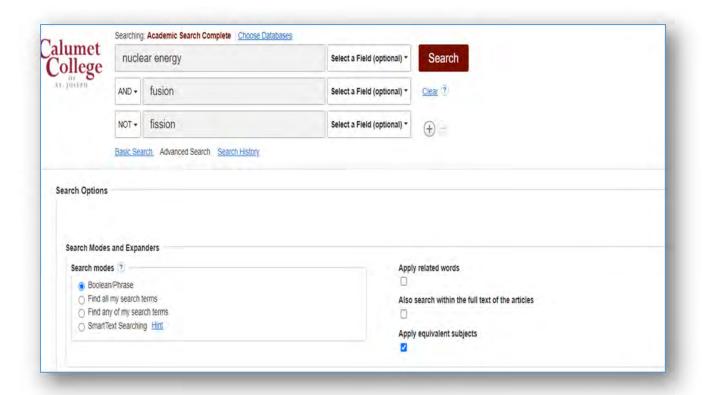


- 4. There are two major types of databases available: multidisciplinary and subject-specific
 - Multidisciplinary databases give you access to articles that are published across a wide variety of disciplines but they may lack the depth you need for your research assignment.
 - Subject-specific databases usually limit their coverage to journals for a specific discipline. The depth is much improved over multidisciplinary sources but you may find a lack of results.



At the above page, you will have a choice of searching a single database, a group of databases or all databases.

- Selecting "all databases" means you will be searching all of the available databases simultaneously. Before you have learned and understood thoroughly the content and coverage of the databases associated with your academic area of interest, it is recommended that you select "all databases". Making that selection may sometimes slow down the search rate however.
- Click "Continue" when you have completed your selection.
- If you would like more information on a particular database, you can consult the "Specker Library Database Resources" which is available at the end of this research guide.
- You can also view the brief descriptions of each database from the page shown here as well.
- If you are interested in which journals a particular database indexes (journal titles that the database has pulled articles from), you can also get that information by clicking on the "Title List" for any database shown in the listing.

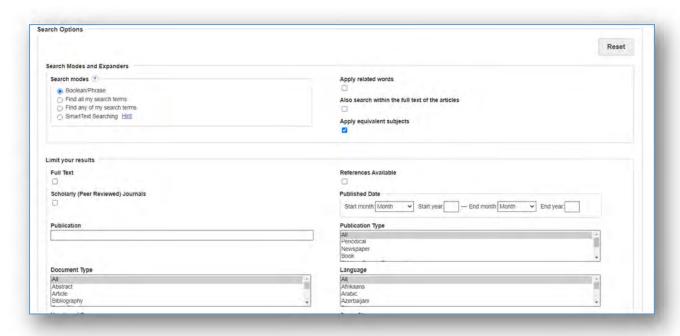


- After you have clicked "continue" at the previous page if you are searching all available databases at once or click on the name link of a specific database, you will come to the page above, where you will see 6 search boxes.
- The left three are for you to put in key words. Keywords are the main points of your topic. For example if your research topic is "Hunger in Asia as a result of the cultural revolution led by Mao Zedong", you would not enter this entire phrase. Instead you would perhaps enter hunger, Asia, cultural revolution, Mao Zedong.
- The three on the right are for you to choose areas you want to search, for example, if you want to search your topic in title, the entire article, in abstract, or in the subject area. Databases typically employ Boolean Logic. This allows you to expand or refine your topic search using AND, OR, NOT. For example if you entered the topic "nuclear energy" in the first box but you wanted to limit your search to nuclear fission not fusion, you could click AND and enter "fusion" in the second box and then click NOT and enter "fission".

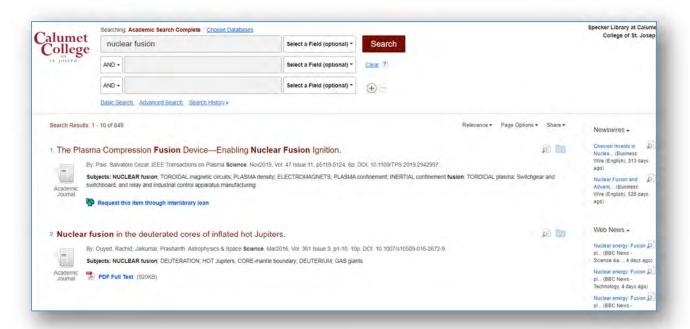
In addition to choosing from a variety of search modes such as Boolean Logic, you can also add search limiting definers to make your search for articles more efficient.

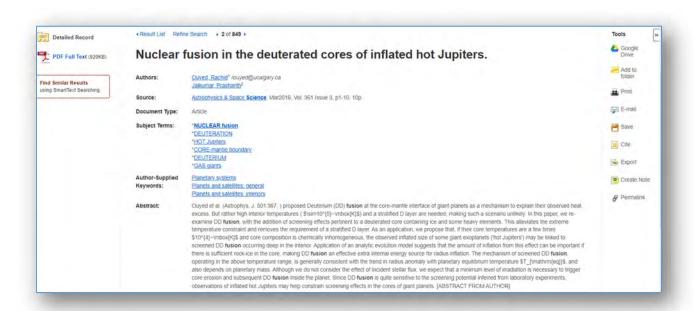
 You will normally want to select "full text" so that you not only pull up a summary or abstract of the article, but you also have instant access to the whole article in its entirety.

- If your instructor wants you to limit the journals that you obtain articles from to sources that have a more authoritative reputation in your subject area, you can select "scholarly (peer reviewed) journals".
- Sometimes an instructor may restrict you to obtaining articles from a specific journal. In that case, you can select "publication" and type in the publication name in the blank provided.
- Instructors often will request that you only obtain articles from a specific time period, such as 2010 to 2020. You can specify the time period to search in by entering the appropriate years in the "published date" section of the page.
- What if you looking for a specific article title you heard about in class? If you know the journal name and time it was published, you can use the "publication" and "date published" to locate the article fairly quickly.



- After you have selected your search terms and parameters, simply click "search" and you will next see the results of your inputs. As you can see for this search shown below, 849 results came up.
- If the number of articles that comes up is too large to manage, you can enter some additional search terms or alter your search parameters.
- If you click on an article title, you will usually see a summary or abstract of the article.
 Reading through this information can help you decide if the article might be one to hang onto.

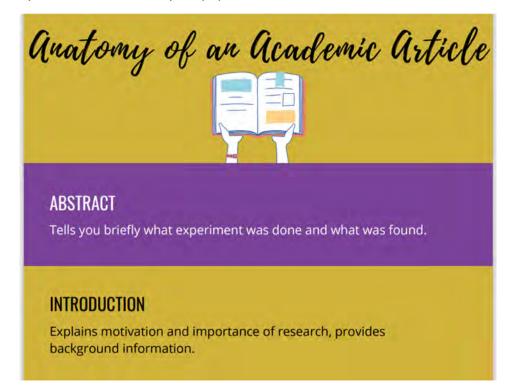




Anatomy of an Academic Article

(Adapted from UNCW's Writing Services)

An academic article is written in a quite different format from let's say an article you find in *People* magazine. Below are the key items usually found in most academic, research based articles that you will need to base your paper on:



LITERATURE REVIEW

Reviews a variety of the most pertinent sources on the topic at hand, as determined by the author. They can be a standalone academic article on its own, or a "mini literature review" can be part of a paper's Introduction that helps establish context.

METHODOLOGY

Ideally describes the experimental design, techniques, materials and/or participants, and steps needed to replicate the data-gathering process.

RESULTS

Provides the raw data you might need for your own research. Figures and tables provide the data in a compact format for easy viewing.

DISCUSSION

Highlights important findings/interpretations from the raw data, presents opposing views/limitations, and places the discussion within the field at large.

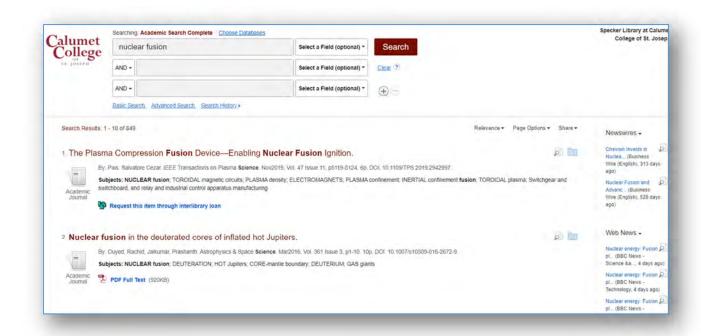
CONCLUSION

Gives reasons for conclusions based on results, reinforces major claims. May also suggest areas where further research is needed.

WORKS CITED / REFERENCES

Regardless of citation style, all references pages point back to where the author found the information used in their research. Readers often use the Works Cited or References as a way to find even more published research related to the topic at hand.

Disclaimer: Each academic article is different, and different disciplines emphasize different components (and citation styles). Some of the above components might be missing from your article, in a different order, or your article might include components not mentioned above. That's okay! You can still use what you already know to help figure out any new sections you encounter.



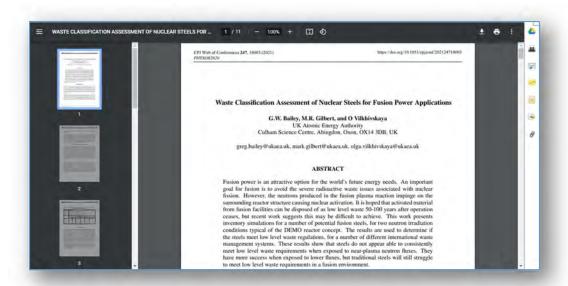
From our previous result list, shown again above, we can see that the first article comes from a journal from which the article is not available in its entirety.

- If you would like access to the whole article, simply click on "request this item through interlibrary loan".
- A new window will open that you will have to fill out in an attempt to obtain the article from another library.
- The second article shown is available as a PDF full text. The second article shown above is full text and is available for your use. If after reading through the article abstract, you decide that the article may be useful to your research, click on the:

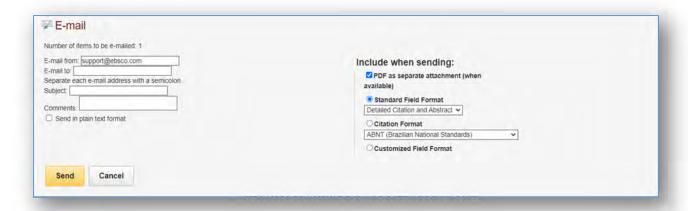


link (or sometimes it will say "HTML Full Text") located to the left of the abstract information.

After clicking on the full text article, the following will appear:



- Above is shown the full text article which is normally shown as it was from the original source. As you can see, this particular article is 11 pages long.
- If the article is especially long or you would rather not have to print it off at this time, you can email it to yourself by clicking on the "email" icon located to the right of the document and right below the "printer" icon. The following will then appear:



- Type the email address the article is to go to.
- In the subject line, it would be a good idea to label the article if you are going to be accessing and emailing several articles. Then click send and you are done!

Assessing Articles and Sources

• Once you have obtained a particular source or article that you may wish to use in your paper, you will want to assess the credibility and authority of the article. Your instructor may require you to only use "peer reviewed" articles in your paper. This is a parameter

you can set when you are entering your search terms into the database. Peer reviewed articles are written by scholars or experts in the field. The article will also usually contain an extensive footnote and bibliography section as well so that you see from where they based their research on. These types of articles also assume the reader has some background in the subject matter of the article. Your instructor may also ask that you include primary and secondary sources in your research.

- Primary sources provide the reader with a first-hand account of an event or experience.
 Examples of these include diaries, letters, interviews, photographs, creative works, oral histories, newspaper articles, etc.
- Secondary sources are those that are produced by other persons at a later time that did
 not experience the event first-hand. Examples of these sources include: books,
 magazine and journal articles, textbooks, biographies, encyclopedias, dictionaries,
 literature reviews, etc.

Popular sources can give you a good general background on a subject and are usually easier to read. However these sources will need to be evaluated by you for credibility and they often do not include citations. Such sources include newspaper articles, magazines, blogs, Twitter feeds, web sites, etc.

When evaluating popular sources, consider the following:

1. Authority

- Who is the author; is it an individual or organization?
- What are the author's professional qualifications in the field?

2. Accuracy

- What is the purpose of the content?
- Does the content appear well researched?
- Are there references to the sources of information used in the article?
- If websites are suggested, are they quality sites?

3. Currency

- When was the item written or published?
- Is timeliness of information important to your assignment?
- If the information is from a website, has it been updated recently?

4. Publisher

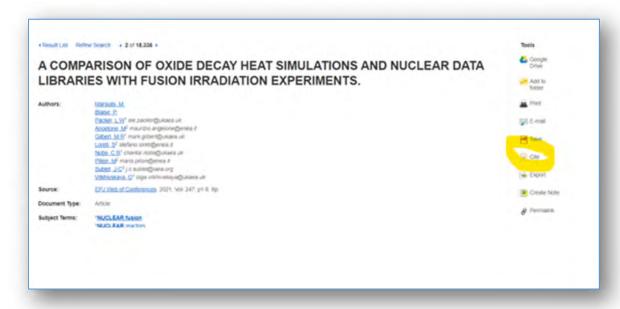
- Where is the content from?
- If it is from a website, what is its domain? Domain names are used as identification labels to indicate ownership or control of a resource. Here is a list of common domains:

Domain Code	Source
.com	commercial site
.gov	U.S. government site
.org	non-profit organization site
.edu	educational site

Citation Styles

Often times, the information in the articles you pull up will become part of a paper that you will be turning in. As part of that paper, you will usually have to provide a bibliography or works cited page for your assignment. EBSCO databases offer a variety of citation forms such as AMA, APA, and MLA.

- To obtain the cite options for your particular article, simply click on the article title which will take you to the page you see above.
- Then click on the "cite" button on the right hand side tool bar as shown in the picture below:



- Upon clicking the "cite" button, you will be taken to the screen above where you can scroll through the available bibliographic citing versions.
- You can then print these out or cut and paste into another document to hang onto them.
- Be sure to consult with your instructor to see if they have a particular citing version they
 require you to use. If you want more information on a particular citing method, just
 click on the citing method highlighted in blue on the page.



At the conclusion of this research guide, you will find a listing of the more than 70+ databases that are available to you on the CCSJ campus:



Specker Library Database Resources

1. Academic Search Complete

Academic Search Complete is the world's most valuable and comprehensive scholarly, multidisciplinary full-text database, with more than 8,500 full-text periodicals, including more than 7,300 peer-reviewed journals. In addition to full text, this database offers indexing and abstracts for more than 12,500 journals and a total of more than 13,200 publications including monographs, reports, conference proceedings, etc. The database features PDF content going back as far as 1887, with the majority of full text titles in native (searchable) PDF format. Searchable cited references are provided for more than 1,400 journals.

2. AHFS Consumer Medication Information

AHFS Consumer Medication Information is a trusted source and recognized standard for patient drug information, available in both English and Spanish. Published by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, AHFS includes more than a thousand drug information monographs written in lay language for consumers and has been a Top Ten Award Winner in the Department of Health and Human Services National Consumer Education Materials Contest. This content is updated monthly.

3. Alt HealthWatch

This database focuses on the many perspectives of complementary, holistic and integrated approaches to health care and wellness. It offers libraries full text articles for more than 180 international, and often peer-reviewed journals and reports. In addition, there are hundreds of pamphlets, booklets, special reports, original research and book excerpts. *Alt HealthWatch* provides in-depth coverage across the full spectrum of subject areas covered by complementary and alternative medicine. This database features indexing and abstracts going back as far as 1984, and full text going back as far as 1990.

4. APA PsycArticles

APA PsycArticles®, from the American Psychological Association (APA), is a definitive source of full text, peer-reviewed scholarly and scientific articles in psychology. It contains articles from journals published by the American Psychological Association (APA), its imprint the Educational Publishing Foundation (EPF), and from allied organizations including the Canadian Psychological Association and the Hogrefe Publishing Group. It includes all journal articles, book reviews, letters to the editor, and errata from each journal. Coverage spans 1894 to the present and nearly all APA journals go back to Volume 1, Issue 1.

5. Biography Reference Bank (H. W. Wilson)

Wilson's largest biography database has combined the in-depth, original profiles of Wilson Biographies Plus Illustrated, plus the thorough periodicals coverage of Biography Index, full-text articles, page images, and abstracts from the complete range of Wilson databases (including biographical profiles, feature articles, interviews, essays, book reviews, performance reviews, speeches, or obituaries). With links to every article focused on any individual in nearly every WilsonWeb database, Biography Reference Bank offers a breadth and depth of information you'll find in no other biography database. It covers over 500,000 people and includes over 36,000 images!

6. Biography Reference Center

Biography Reference Center offers a comprehensive collection of more than 460,000 full-text biographies, including the complete full-text run of Biography Today and Biography, as well as thousands of narrative biographies that are not available in other databases.

7. Biomedical Reference Collection: Basic

Designed for doctors, research scientist, students and clinical specialists, this database provides full text for over 100 journals in a variety of areas pertaining to medical study. All titles included in the *Biomedical Reference Collection: Basic Edition* are indexed in *MEDLINE*.

8. <u>Business Source Complete</u>

Business Source Complete is the world's definitive scholarly business database, providing the leading collection of bibliographic and full text content. As part of the comprehensive coverage offered by this database, indexing and abstracts for the most important scholarly business journals back as far as 1886 are included. In addition, searchable cited references are provided for more than 1,300 journals.

9. Communications and Mass Media Complete

Communication & Mass Media Complete provides the most robust, quality research solution in areas related to communication and mass media. CMMC incorporates the content of CommSearch (formerly produced by the National Communication Association) and Mass Media Articles Index (formerly produced by Penn State) along with numerous other journals in communication, mass media, and other closely-related fields of study to create a research and reference resource of unprecedented scope and depth encompassing the breadth of the communication discipline. CMMC offers cover-to-cover ("core") indexing and abstracts for more than 570 journals, and selected ("priority") coverage of nearly 200 more, for a combined coverage of more than 770 titles. Furthermore, this database includes full text for over 450 journals.

10. <u>eBook Collection</u>

Search and view the full text of ebooks.

11. EBSCO Management Collection

EBSCO Management Collection is designed to meet the diverse information needs of today's companies. This database contains full text articles from nearly 1,200 quality magazines and journals.

12. Entrepreneurial Studies Source

Entrepreneurial Studies Source provides the latest insight into topics relevant to entrepreneurship and small business. This database offers users full text for more than 125 key periodicals, 135 reference books, case studies, thousands of company profiles and over 600 videos with transcripts and related articles from the Harvard Faculty Series and Vator.TV.

13. ERIC

ERIC, the Education Resource Information Center, provides access to education literature and research. The database provides access to information from journals included in the *Current Index of Journals in Education and Resources in Education Index*. Content includes journal articles, research reports, curriculum and teaching guides, conference papers, dissertations and theses, and books dating back to 1966.

14. Essay and General Literature Index (H.W. Wilson)

Essay and General Literature Index, produced by the H.W. Wilson Company, is a unique reference database that cites records contained in collections of essays and miscellaneous works published in the United States, Great Britain, and Canada. More than 320 single and multi-authored volumes are indexed annually with more than 20 selected annuals and serial publications.

15. Film & Television Literature Index with Full Text

Film & Television Literature Index™ with Full Text is the definitive online tool for film and television research. Subject coverage includes film & television theory, preservation & restoration, screenwriting, production, cinematography, technical aspects, and reviews. The database provides cover-to-cover indexing and abstracts for more than 380 publications (and selected coverage of 300), as well as full text for more than 120 journals, and 100 books. In addition, Film & Television Literature Index with Full Text includes Variety movie reviews from 1914 to the present and over 36,300 images from the MPTV Image Archive.

16. Fonte Academica

Fonte Acadêmica is a rapidly expanding collection of over 130 scholarly journals from Brazil and Portugal. All major subject areas are covered with particular emphasis on agriculture, biological

sciences, economics, history, law, literature, medicine, philosophy, psychology, public administration, religion and sociology. It is an indispensable tool of exceptional scope designed to make academic research readily accessible in PDF format. The database is updated weekly.

17. Fuente Academica Premier

Fuente Académica Premier is a rapidly expanding collection of over 910 scholarly journals from Latin America, Portugal and Spain. All major subject areas are covered with particular emphasis on agriculture, biological sciences, economics, history, law, literature, philosophy, psychology, public administration, religion and sociology. It is an indispensable tool of exceptional scope designed to make academic research readily accessible in PDF format. The database is updated weekly.

18. Funk and Wagnalls New World Encyclopedia

This database provides over 25,000 encyclopedic entries covering a variety of subject areas.16.

19. GreenFILE

GreenFILE offers well-researched information covering all aspects of human impact to the environment. Its collection of scholarly, government and general-interest titles includes content on global warming, green building, pollution, sustainable agriculture, renewable energy, recycling, and more. The database provides indexing and abstracts for more than 1,000,000 records, as well as Open Access full text for more than 15,000 records.

20. Health Business FullTEXT

This database provides full text coverage for more than 130 well-known administrative journals. Critical for hospital administrators and managers, this database includes publications covering the business of health care administration and much more. Click here for a complete title list. Click here for more info.

21. Health Source - Consumer Edition

This database is the richest collection of consumer health information available to libraries worldwide, providing information on many health topics including the medical sciences, food sciences and nutrition, childcare, sports medicine and general health. *Health Source: Consumer Edition* provides access to nearly 80 full text, consumer health magazines.

22. <u>Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition</u>

This database provides nearly 550 scholarly full text journals focusing on many medical disciplines. *Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition* also features the *AHFS Consumer Medication Information*, which covers 1,300 generic drug patient education sheets with more than 4,700 brand names.

23. <u>History Reference Center</u>

History Reference Center offers full text from more than 1,620 reference books, encyclopedias and non-fiction books, cover to cover full text for more than 150 leading history periodicals, nearly 57,000 historical documents, more than 78,000 biographies of historical figures, more than 113,000 historical photos and maps, and more than 80 hours of historical video.

24. History Reference eBook Collection

This ebook reference collection offers a rich selection of historical eBook titles covering global topics from the ancient world through today.

25. <u>Humanities Full Text (H.W. Wilson)</u>

Humanities Full Text™ includes many of the most important academic journals in the humanities with the full text of articles from over 300 periodicals dating back to 1995, and high-quality indexing for almost 700 journals—of which 470 are peer-reviewed—dating as far back as 1984. The database provides coverage of feature articles, interviews, bibliographies, obituaries, and original works of fiction, drama, poetry and book reviews, as well as reviews of ballets, dance programs, motion pictures, musicals, radio and television programs, plays, operas, and more.

26. International Bibliography of Theatre & Dance with Full Text

International Bibliography of Theatre & Dance with Full Text is the definitive research tool for the study of theatre and the performing arts. This database was initiated by the American Society for Theatre Research, and since 1984, the Theatre Research Data Center (TRDC) at Brooklyn College has published 14 volumes of the IBTD. These volumes comprise a fully indexed, cross-referenced and annotated databank of over 1.1 million journal articles, books, book chapters and dissertation abstracts on all aspects of theatre and performance in 126 countries. International Bibliography of Theatre & Dance with Full Text contains more than 560 full-text titles, including more than 195 full-text journals, and more than 360 full-text books & monographs.

27. Library, Information Science & Technology Abstracts

Library, Information Science & Technology Abstracts (LISTA) indexes more than 560 core journals, nearly 50 priority journals, and nearly 125 selective journals; plus books, research reports and proceedings. Subject coverage includes librarianship, classification, cataloging, bibliometrics, online information retrieval, information management and more. Coverage in the database extends back as far as the mid-1960s.

28. Literary Reference Center Plus

Literary Reference™ Center (LRC Plus) is a full-text database that combines information from major respected reference works, books, literary journals as well as original content from EBSCO Publishing. Literary Reference Center Plus contains everything in Literary Reference™ Center, plus the following: over 1,200 additional full-text literary reference books/works, over 200 additional full-text literary journals and magazines, 35 volumes of new contemporary literature titles from Salem Press, 40 full-text literary study guides and 72 literary videos.

29. Literary Reference eBook Collection

This ebook reference collection offers a rich selection of eBook titles covering a broad range of literary-related subjects. Selections include literary criticism, study guides, and classics such as Emma, Dracula and Frankenstein.

30. MagillOnLiterature Plus

MagillOnLiterature Plus, produced by Salem Press, is the premier literary database, combining MagillOnLiterature and MagillOnAuthors. This database includes all the literary works, reviewed critical analyses and brief plot summaries that are included in MagillOnLiterature, as well as all the biographies and author essays included in MagillOnAuthors.

31. MAS Complete

Designed specifically for high school libraries, this database contains full text for more than 540 popular, high school magazines. *MAS Complete* also provides more than 440 full text reference books, 85,670 biographies, 105,786 primary source documents, and an Image Collection of over 502,000 photos, maps & flags, color PDFs and expanded full text backfiles (back to 1975) for key magazines.

32. MAS Reference Book eBook Collection

This ebook reference collection offers a rich selection of eBook titles covering a broad range of general reference subjects for high school students. Topics include biography, history, careers, language arts, literature, government, health, math, science, current events, and socialemotional health.

33. MasterFILE Complete

Designed specifically for public libraries, this multidisciplinary database provides full text for more than 2,000 general reference publications with full text information dating as far back as 1922. Covering virtually every subject area of general interest, *MasterFILE Complete* also contains full text for more than 1,000 reference books and over 164,400 primary source documents, as well as an Image Collection of over 502,000 photos, maps & flags. This database is updated daily via EBSCO*host*.

34. MasterFILE Reference eBook Collection

This ebook reference collection offers a rich selection of eBook titles covering a broad range of general reference subjects. Topics include biography, history, careers, cooking, literature, genealogy, health, parenting, personal finance, politics, architecture, science, current events, social-emotional health, sports, and travel.

35. McClatchy-Tribune Collection

The *McClatchy-Tribune Collection* includes a 90-day archive of approximately 290 newspapers from the McClatchy-Tribune Information Services. This database is updated daily.

36. MEDLINE with Full Text

MEDLINE with Full Text provides the authoritative medical information on medicine, nursing, dentistry, veterinary medicine, the health care system, and pre-clinical sciences found on MEDLINE, plus the database provides full text for more than 1,470 journals indexed in MEDLINE. Of those, nearly 1,450 have cover-to-cover indexing in MEDLINE. And of those, 558 are not found with full text in any version of Academic Search, Health Source or Biomedical Reference Collection.

37. Middle Search Plus

Middle Search Plus provides full text for more than 140 popular, middle school magazines. All full text articles included in the database are assigned a reading level indicator (Lexiles). Full text is also available for thousands of biographies and historical essays. Middle Search Plus also contains 84,774 biographies, 105,786 primary source documents, and a School Image Collection of photos, maps and flags.

38. Middle Search Reference eBook Collection

This ebook reference collection offers a rich selection of eBook titles covering a broad range of general reference subjects for middle school students. Topics include social studies, math, history, language arts, technology, geography, culture, and science.

39. Military & Government Collection

Designed to offer current news pertaining to all branches of the military and government, this database offers a thorough collection of periodicals, academic journals, and other content pertinent to the increasing needs of those sites. The *Military & Government Collection* provides cover-to-cover full text for nearly 300 journals and periodicals and indexing and abstracts for more than 400 titles.

40. Newspaper Source Plus

Newspaper Source Plus includes more than 860 full-text newspapers, providing more than 35 million full-text articles. In addition, the database features more than 857,000 television and radio news transcripts.

41. Newswires

EBSCO's *Newswires* provides near real-time access to top world-wide news from Associated Press, United Press International, CNN Wire, and Business Wire on a continuous basis. This content is monitored by EBSCO and relevant results are provided when users enter searches in EBSCOhost. This collection includes AP Financial News, AP Top News, AP WorldStream, AP U.S. Politics & Government, AP 50 State Reports, UPI Business, UPI Entertainment, UPI Sports, UPI Top News, and more. End users can immediately access the full text of the web content, by following the link in the record. The index to the full text content in EBSCO *Newswires* is held for a rolling 30-day archive by EBSCO, so users can enjoy the previous 30 days of news relating to their search interests.

42. OpenDissertations

OpenDissertations is an open-access database built to assist researchers in locating both historic and contemporary dissertations and theses. Created with the generous support of the

H.W. Wilson Foundation and the Congregational Library & Archives in Boston, it incorporates EBSCO's previously released American Doctoral Dissertations, and features additional dissertation metadata contributed by select colleges and universities from around the world. Providing researchers with citations to graduate research across a span of time, from the early 20th century to the present, this database will continue to grow through regular updates and new partnerships with graduate degree-granting institutions

43. Play Index (H.W. Wilson)

Play Index searches over 30,000 plays written from Antiquity to the present and published from 1949 to the present in the convenient electronic form that patrons prefer. An invaluable aid to finding the perfect plays, Play Index covers a wide range of plays written in or translated into English, including mysteries, pageants, plays in verse, puppet performances, radio and television plays, and classic drama. Search for plays by title; author; subject (sisters, culture conflict, marriage); style (symbolism, experimental theater); genre (comedy, melodrama, musical); cast type.

44. Points of View Reference Center

Points of View Reference Center is a full text database designed to provide students and schools with a series of controversial essays that present multiple sides of a current issue. Essays provide questions and materials for further thought and study and are accompanied by thousands of supporting articles from the world's top political and societal publications.

45. Primary Search

Primary Search provides full text for more than 70 popular, magazines for elementary school research. All full text articles included in the database are assigned a reading level indicator (Lexiles), and full text information dates as far back as 1990.

46. Primary Search Reference eBook Collection

This ebook reference collection offers a rich selection of eBook titles covering a broad range of general reference subjects for primary school students. Topics include social studies, history, language arts, geography, culture, math, and science.

47. Professional DevelopmentCollection

Designed for professional educators, this database provides a highly specialized collection of nearly 520 high quality education journals, including more than 350 peer-reviewed titles. This database also contains more than 200 educational reports. *Professional Development Collection* is the most comprehensive collection of full text education journals in the world.

48. Psychology and Behavior Science Collection

Psychology & Behavioral Sciences Collection is a comprehensive database covering information concerning topics in emotional and behavioral characteristics, psychiatry & psychology, mental processes, anthropology, and observational & experimental methods. This is the world's largest full text psychology database offering full text coverage for nearly 400 journals.

49. Reader's Guide Full Text Select (H.W. Wilson)

Reader's Guide Full Text Select™ is the most popular choice for libraries that want a 100% full-text database which can provide searchable full text, as well as abstracting and indexing for a broad selection of the most-wanted popular periodicals. It is the ultimate tool for educators, students or any library patron seeking comprehensive current events coverage, curriculum support or access to quality periodicals.

50. Referencia Latina

A comprehensive Spanish-language resource offering 49,000 encyclopedia entries, 50,000 images, 2,500 health reports, a Spanish-English dictionary and the full text of over 100 hundred reference books and dozens of general interest magazines in a broad array of subject areas. Its intuitive, theme-based Spanish-language interface is designed to make content readily accessible to Spanish speakers with limited online research experience. Daily updates ensure availability of the most current articles from a dozen prominent newspapers from 10 Latin American countries.

51. Regional Business News

This database provides comprehensive full text coverage for regional business publications. *Regional Business News* incorporates coverage of more than 80 regional business publications covering all metropolitan and rural areas within the United States.

52. Religion and Philosophy Collection

Religion & Philosophy Collection™ provides extensive coverage of such topics as world religions, major denominations, biblical studies, religious history, epistemology, political philosophy, philosophy of language, moral philosophy and the history of philosophy. With more more than 300 full text journals, the Religion & Philosophy Collection is an essential tool for researchers and students of theology and philosophical studies.

53. Science Reference Center

Science Reference Center is a comprehensive research database that provides easy access to a multitude of full text science-oriented content. This database contains full text for nearly 640 science encyclopedias, reference books, periodicals, etc. Topics covered include: biology, chemistry, earth & space science, environmental science, health & medicine, history of science, life science, physics, science & society, science as inquiry, scientists, technology and wildlife.

54. Science Reference eBook Collection

This ebook reference collection offers a rich selection of eBook titles covering Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics.

55. Short Story Index (H.W. Wilson)

This product's aim is to index all the important collections and anthologies of short stories that are published each year. All literary genres are covered. Approximately 200+ monographs are captured per year, with approximately 3,000-4,000 analytics (chapters/stories).

56. Small Business Reference Center

The *Small Business Reference Center* is a comprehensive resource for small business owners and those interested in starting a business, offering full-text periodicals and reports, sample business plans, U.S. tax forms, videos and reference books. It supports small business owners in all relevant areas from planning, financing and managing a business to exit strategies. Users also have the ability to search within specific 'Business Topics' and 'Business Types' relevant to their needs.

57. Social Sciences Full Text (H.W. Wilson)

Social Sciences Full Text[™] provides access to a wide assortment of the most important English-language journals published in the social sciences. This resource provides detailed indexing for over 625 periodicals dating back as far as 1983—nearly 400 of which are peer-reviewed.

58. TOPICsearch

TOPICsearch contains full text for over 150,961 articles from 475 diverse sources including international and regional newspapers, EBSCO's unparalleled collection of periodicals, biographies, public opinion polls, book reviews, pamphlets, and government information.

59. Vente et Gestion

Vente et Gestion provides full text coverage for French language business journals serving both the academic and the professional researcher. This collection also includes publications covering topics such as accounting & tax, administration, industry & manufacturing, marketing, logistics, technology and others.

60. Vocational & Career Collection

Vocational & Career Collection is designed for vocational and technical libraries servicing high schools, community colleges, trade institutions and the general public. This collection provides full text coverage for nearly 340 trade and industry-related periodicals.

61. Vocational Studies Premier

Vocational Studies Premier is specifically designed to support research in two-year colleges, and offers content geared to academic institutions offering associates degrees and vocational programs.

62. Web News

EBSCO's *Web News* provides near real-time access to thousands of top news feeds from around the globe. This collection includes over 14,000 feeds covering a range of business and general news topics. End users can immediately access the full text of the web content, by following the link in the record.

Additional Valuable Resources

63. Explora for Primary Schools

Students in grades K-5 will find reliable information on a variety of topics with Explora, an easy-to-use interface that lets you search all of your library's EBSCO resources at once. Conduct keyword searches or browse topics by categories such as animals, arts and music, geography, language arts, math, science and social studies. This platform provides full-text articles in HTML or PDF format, thousands of images, videos, and tools to translate, annotate, cite, listen to, print, save, email, and share content (e.g. to Google Classroom). In addition, Topic Overviews provide background information to help you get started with your research. In addition, Explora provides educators with support for lesson planning for K-5 especially in the area of STEM.

64. Explora for Middle School Students

Designed for high school students, students can look up articles and facts for research papers, class projects, or homework from the world's leading magazines and reference books. In

addition Explora provides educators with support for lesson planning for grades 6-8 especially in the area of STEM

65. Explora for Secondary Schools

Designed for high school students, students can look up articles and facts for research papers, class projects, or homework from the world's leading magazines and reference books. In addition Explora provides educators with support for lesson planning for grades 9-12 especially in the area of STEM.

66. Explora for Educators

Provides full-text articles from thousands of academic journals and professional magazines on a wide variety of educational topics to support educator professional development. Includes lesson plans, curriculum standards, and more. This interface lets you search the following EBSCO databases, all at the same time: Academic Search Premier, Computer Source, ERIC, Professional Development Collection, and Teacher Reference Center.

67. Explora for Public Libraries

Explora for Public Libraries provides easy-to-use features and reliable content from the world's leading magazines and reference books, grouped into easy-to-browse categories. Explora provides research collections on thousands of topics to help them find the information they need quickly and easily. You can search hundreds of professional journals, popular magazines, reference books, images, primary sources, and more by keyword or by topic.

68. Biography Reference Center

Biography Reference Center provides thousands of reliable full-text biographies, including the complete full text of Biography Today and Biography, plus narrative biographies not available in other databases. In addition to keyword search, users can locate biographies by subject occupation, nationality, activity, gender, lifespan and more.

69. Consumer Health Complete

Consumer Health Complete supports the information needs of patients and fosters an overall understanding of health-related topics. This resource provides content covering all key areas of health and wellness, from mainstream medicine to the many perspectives of complementary and holistic medicine.

70. Consumer Health Reference eBook Collection

This ebook reference collection offers a rich selection of eBook titles covering a broad range of general health topics, including disease such as cancer and diabetes; weight management and

exercise; allergies; senior care; social emotional health; developmental disorders; and natural health.

71. Science Reference Center

Designed to meet every student researcher's needs, *Science Reference Center* contains full text for hundreds of science magazines, journals, encyclopedias, reference books and a vast collection of images. Also supports educators in lesson planning by providing lesson plans, science experiments, citation help, a research guide, curriculum standards, and worksheets.

72. <u>History Reference Center</u>

Covering both U.S. and world history topics, *History Reference Center* is a full-text database featuring historical reference books, magazines, journals and thousands of primary source documents.

73. Literary Reference Center

Literary Reference Center is a rich full-text literary database covering all genres and timeframes. It includes thousands of synopses, critical essays, book reviews, literary journals and author biographies, plus full-text classic novels, short stories and poems.

74. Consumer Health Italian

Consumer Health Information offers detailed answers to the 200 most-commonly-asked health questions. Supporting the needs of patrons and patients, these answers are provided in evidence-based reports that feature graphics, illustrations, easy-to-read text and links to additional information. Search subjects and articles are in Italian but also can be easily translated into English at the click of a button.

75. Points of View Reference Center

Containing resources that present multiple sides of an issue, this database provides rich content that can help students assess and develop persuasive arguments and essays, better understand controversial issues and develop analytical thinking skills.

76. Referencia Latina

This full-text Spanish-language database covers a broad array of subjects inside and outside academia. It offers content from a variety of sources, including reference books, general interest magazines and health reports. Search subjects and articles are in Spanish but also can be easily translated into English at the click of a button.

77. Small Business Reference Center

Small Business Reference Center offers exclusive full text for many top consumer small business reference books, as well as tools to address many small business topics. It includes business videos, a help and advice section and details on how to create business plans.

78. English Language Learner (Read It!)

Read It! is designed for middle and high school students and adults who have a basic foundation in English grammar and reading but need adapted reading material for a variety of subjects. It offers resources to help build background knowledge, conduct research and improve study skills.

79. Legal Information Reference Center

Legal Information Reference Center is an online database designed to assist the general public in legal matters of all kinds. It includes exclusive full text for many top consumer legal reference books, as well as thousands of legal forms.

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