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Purpose: More advanced searching strategies; finding relevant articles  

The Database Basics LibGuide is available from our library home page:
- Go to the BJU Intranet
- Choose Academics from the menu bar and choose Libraries
- On the new Library homepage, choose Online Resources from the toolbar above the search box.
- Scroll down on the Online Resources page and click on Find a LibGuide
- On the LibGuides homepage, scroll down and click on “Database Basics”

The first tab, HOME, points one to the Mack Library catalog available via the Internet. The links to databases are linked on the home page. OWL stands for Online Writing Lab with all kinds of helps for writing papers. Be sure to evaluate any websites using the Evaluate! Questions – the 4th tab.

The 2nd tab, Search Tips, is a duplicate of the backside of your handout.
The 3rd tab is the drop down list of the Databases recommended for EN 102.

Click on Credo Reference in the database list and key in solar energy. If you choose the topic page choice for solar energy, a page will open that will connect you to many reference books’ items of information and databases that you link to easily with your solar energy search already populating the search box. Amazing resource!

Scroll down the topic page to Academic Search Complete or choose from the Credo Reference list of databases to the left of your Credo results list

- Choose from the list: Academic Search Complete – an excellent source for scholarly articles.
- Use the folder system to keep track of articles and notes by creating an account with your campus log-in.

- Your search term will have been transferred into the search box and your hits will already appear: 46,767 hits. By limiting the date to within the past 10 years, we can limit the search to: 35,396. Choosing Scholarly (Peer-reviewed) Journals will weed out those that are less informative: 31,971. Suppose you are using the free wifi at McDonalds, limit the search by choosing “full text” on the left side of the screen. # of hits is now 6,594. You can also limit the Geography of the article by choosing United States: 60. The sort default is set at relevance. You can see the full text article in PDF or use tools for citing, saving, and printing.

- Next to Academic Search Complete click on Choose Databases.

- Choose from the list: Newspaper Source Plus (EBSCO) in the same Interface as Ebsco databases. Newspapers provide current information whereas journals are more research oriented. Newspapers may have more bias. Use the Evaluation questions to determine the usefulness of sources.

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✓ Your search term transferred automatically to Newspaper Source Plus, click search, and your result list includes the latest information to date from around the world. 21,332 hits; then limit to full-text, last 10 years, and US Newspapers (4,791). The citation tool is in the right column. Click on Cite and choose the style of choice from the list.

✓ Ebsco now allows one to save articles to Google Drive available at the top of the tools column. Pop ups have to be allowed.

**Go back to the Credo tab:**

Choose from the list: *Academic OneFile* - your term was automatically searched. Notice on the right of your screen: Academic Journals 40,953, Magazines 8,535, Books 85, News 82,556, Images 51, and Video 221. Again, one can limit a search to full text by clicking on the box next to full text (this database automatically updates per click, but only within each type.)

- Gale databases link is now above the top toolbar that appears when clicking on Library Links, if you wanted to change to another database within the Gale databases, but for now we are using Credo Reference as our discovery tool. If you had chosen PowerSearch to the left of the screen in Credo, you would have searched many databases in the Gale selection

- Choose from list in Credo: *Opposing Viewpoints In Context* - excellent for fine tuning the topic and will also give links to ebooks, articles, primary sources, etc. depending on the topic chosen.

**Go back to the Credo tab:**

✓ Choose from List: *Britannica Online* provides articles from the full encyclopedia set with links to related articles, but also connects to articles from EbscoHost and to peer-reviewed web sites.

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Choose from list: *CQ Researcher* = Congressional Quarterly Researcher – The database has both sides of issues discussed in Congress; invaluable resource! Choose Energy Policy. For other topics, choose Browse Topics. Within the Energy Policy article one will see a timeline of events and a Pro – Con. 2 – column comparison. To get your citation, choose Cite now– the style default is in APA, choose MLA from the toolbar in the box.

Choose from Credo list: *NexisUni* – This database has newsworthy articles, transcripts of news programs, legal briefs, and blogs available for researching. Solar energy or your search term is automatically transferred to the search. 996 items appear. To the left of the list, discover a breakdown of the information by material type. By clicking on the ➤ open the list giving titles of publication and numbers of articles per title.

Choose from the list in the Database Basics LibGuide: *Full Text Finder* database is your best friend when you have a citation from a bibliography and you want to find out if we have a database with the full-text When the record states that an embargo is in place for a certain length of time, the publisher has limited the digitization of the articles for the current months, year or years.

- If we have the print subscription, then you may photocopy or scan articles to PDF and send to your email.

- If we don't have the print, then you may request articles via InterLibrary Loan from another school library by filling out the ILL Tipasa form on our home page or choose the ILL Tipasa tab in this LibGuide for easy access.

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