

Finding Sources Using Research Databases

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I'm stuck... I can't think of a topic: (Start Broad)

- 1) [LTC Online Catalog](#): Search all books, eBooks, and films at once!
- 2) [CREDO Reference](#) click **Concept Map** – great way to see what's all “out there” on an interesting topic.
- 3) [Fact.com](#): Issues & Controversies – Controversial topics in the news/headlines today
{Check out Fact.com's “Research Topic Suggestion” at bottom right column of each database}

I have a topic, but I don't know where to start:

- 1) [EBSCOhost](#) (**BIGGEST LTC DATABASE**) 30+ databases all in one—A great place to start!
Click on “Research Databases”, Academic Search Premier, MasterFILE, and eBooks are already selected, so you can scroll through the list and add more (e.g. Newspaper Source Plus: great for new and current events, Greenfile: Environment topic), or click “Continue”.
- 2) [CINAHL Plus](#)— Nursing and Allied Health Database (**The BIG ONE for health-related fields**)
- 3) [CultureGrams](#)—Specific country or cultural research on over 200 countries.
- 4) [Facts.com](#) — World News Digest –headlines and big topics in the news.
- 5) [ProQuest](#) —Criminal Justice Database
- 6) [Films on Demand](#) – Over 6,000+ video segments that can be used for PowerPoint presentations, as supplements to speeches, or for additional research.
- 7) [E-Book Collection](#): **10,000+ entire books ONLINE**: Search for specific topic or subject (These can also be searched with the other EBSCOhost databases)

My search isn't giving me what I want: (Tips & Tricks)

- 1) Change your key words: Even one little change in your search words will give different results
- 2) Subject: Thesaurus Terms Try seeing if they suggest another word/phrase to use in searching
- 3) Select FULL TEXT: If you want the full article right away (without searching other libraries)
- 4) Change Publication Date: Usually want within last 10 years, Health fields typically last 5 years
- 5) Geography: Set to United States only; that way only publications from U.S. will be shown
- 6) Email article to yourself: Find your articles the easy way by emailing them to you.
(MAKE SURE YOU SELECT TO SEND THE CITATION TOO: Check with your instructor – APA/MLA)

- 7) Get Citations: Click on “Detailed Record” (top right) in EBSCO to get the “Cite” button. Copy and paste citation onto your Reference/Works Cited page.