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# Information Resources



# Think outside the box.





# Contents:



- evaluating resources
- subject preparation: guides and databases
- topic refinement and research vocabulary
- locate and manage resources in OneSearch
- create and manage citations
  
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# + Evaluating Resources

Essential questions to ask regarding the reliability of a resource:

- Who created the resource?
- What is the experience or qualifications of the author?
- Is the resource based on fact, opinion or propaganda?
- Does the resource express a particular bias or agenda?
- Does the resource list sources to support its statements (e.g. works cited list)?
- Has the resource been examined prior to publication, such as book reviews, an editor or peer-review (panel of experts)?

[Additional info](#) **Note:** To see if a journal is peer-reviewed, see [Ulrichs Web](#) Global Serials Directory



# Useful Resources (for PAS 366)



- [Pan African Studies - Subject Guide](#)
- Reference
  - Encyclopedias ([Reference Room](#)), ([Electronic](#))
  - [Biographical Dictionaries](#)
  - [Biography](#)
  - [Online Reference](#)
- Suggested Subject Searches (books and databases)
  - [s:\(africa\) and s:\(colonization OR imperialism\)](#)
  - [s:\(africa\) and s:\(colonialism OR colonies\)](#)
  - [s:\(africa -- periodicals\)](#)



# Useful Resources (for this class)

## ■ Suggested Databases:

- [Academic Search Premier](#)
- [GeoRef \(EBSCO\)](#)
- [GEOBASE \(Engineering Village\)](#)
- [Black Studies Center](#)
- [Ethnic NewsWatch](#)
- [Expanded Academic ASAP](#)
- [Social Sciences Full Text \(H.W. Wilson\)](#)
- [Project Muse](#)

## ■ [Suggested Databases by Subject](#)

- Pan African Studies; Sociology; Geography; Political Science





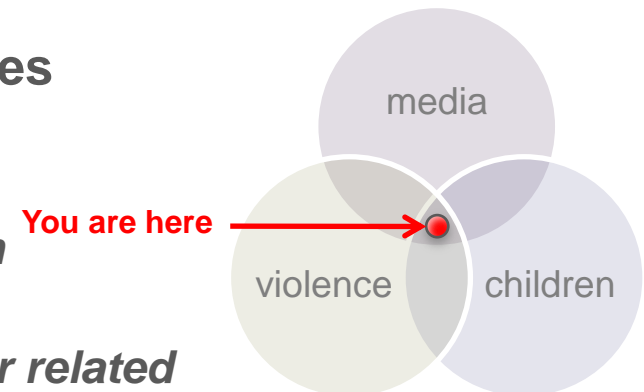
# Refine your topic – a review



- Make broad topics more focused
- Topical focus makes research manageable
- A focused topic informs what (and how) resources are used
  - Very recent topics      ➡ newspapers, magazines, Websites
  - Established topics      ➡ books, journals, films

## ■ Example: Refine topic and target resources

1. Broad Topic = **Media**
2. Narrower Topic = **Violence** in the media
3. Focused Topic = Media violence and **children**



***Using your topic terms, consider synonyms or related terms to create your SEARCH VOCABULARY***

[Additional info](#)



# Locate and manage resources

Oviatt Library Portal

OneSearch retrieves most types of resources (books, articles and more) in a single search. This eliminates having to search across many collections independently.

The image shows a screenshot of the OneSearch interface. At the top, the title "OneSearch" is displayed in a large, bold, black font. Below it, the subtitle "Find Books, Articles, Media and More" is in a smaller, regular black font. A search bar with the placeholder text "Enter search terms here" in red is positioned to the left of a "Search" button. Below the search bar, the text "More search options:" is centered. Underneath, a horizontal list of links is shown: "Library Catalog | Journals | Audio/Video | Archival Sources | ScholarWorks". Red annotations are present: a bracket under "Library Catalog | Journals | Audio/Video" points to a text box below; an arrow points from "Archival Sources" to a text box below; and another arrow points from "ScholarWorks" to a text box below.

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video  
tutorial](#)

Alternative independent search of books, journals, and audio/video resources

Search archival collections, **Finding Aids Database (FAD)** and **Digital Collections** of the Oviatt Library and local archival materials

Search the CSUN Institutional Repository of faculty, student and departmental works





# Limiting and sorting searches

OneSearch Interface method – BOOKS AND MEDIA

**Format**

- Online (89)
- Book (83)
- Video (78)
- eBook (11)
- Sound Recording (2)
- Serial (1)

**Year**


- 2010-2013 (28)
- 2000-09 (114)
- 1990-99 (16)
- 1980-89 (3)
- 1970-79 (2)

**Subject Area**

- H - Social Science (41)
- P - Language and Literature (22)
- K - Law (9)
- R - Medicine (6)
- G - Geography, Anthropology, Recreation (4)
- L - Education (3)
- Z - Library Science (2)

Results **1-10** of **164**

sort by: **relevance** | newest first | oldest first





### Children, Adolescents, and Media Violence : A Critical Look at the Research

**Book**

By: Kirsh, Steven J  
Thousand Oaks, Calif.: SAGE Publications, 2012

Location	Call Number	Status
Floor2	HQ784.M3 K5677 2012	IN LIBRARY

 [Save this record](#)




### Media Violence and Children : A Complete Guide for Parents and Professionals

**Book**

Westport, CT: Praeger, 2003

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 [Save this record](#)

Select from lists to limit results

Displays the number of resources for each category

You can save resource records to revisit later. Be sure to login (upper right) to save permanently



# Limiting and sorting searches

OneSearch Interface method – ARTICLES

## Refine your search

- ☐ Scholarly only
- ☐ Full-text only
- ☐ Add results beyond the library's collection

## Format

- ☒ Any
- ☐ Journal Article (100,630)
- ☐ Book Review (13,242)
- ☐ Dissertation (12,519)
- ☐ Trade Publication Article (1,573)
- ☐ Report (977)
- ☐ Newsletter (439)
- ☐ Conference Proceeding (197)

[ [More Options](#) ]

## Topics

- ☒ Any
- ☐ social sciences (9,694)
- ☐ psychology (6,784)
- ☐ education (6,561)
- ☐ women (6,531)
- ☐ violence (6,250)
- ☐ sociology (6,087)

Click to  
view all  
categories

Results **1-10** of **125,199**

sort by: **relevance** | [newest first](#) | [oldest first](#)

**We found a couple of specialized databases that might help you.**

- [Studies on Women and Gender Abstracts](#)
- [International Political Science Abstracts](#)

## Media Violence and Children

### Journal Article Peer Reviewed

Presents the results of the UNESCO global study on media violence and children which was conducted between 1996 and 1997. Highlights include the role of the media, media heroes as role models, media violence and aggression, differences by gender, rural versus urban environments, the pervasiveness of . . .

**By:** Groebel, Jo

**Year:** 1998

**Published in:** Educational Media International

[Check for availability](#)

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## Children and Media Violence

### Book Review Peer Reviewed

**By:** Bryant, Jennings

**Year:** 1999

**Published in:** Aggressive Behavior

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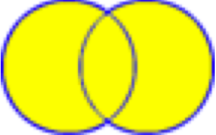
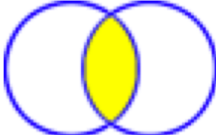
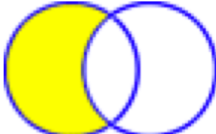
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# Limiting and expanding searches

## Text Methods

- **Boolean Operators**

 women <b>OR</b> Females	<b>OR</b> expands your search results to include those that have EITHER of two similar terms. Use <b>OR</b> to increase you number of results.
 women <b>AND</b> media	<b>AND</b> reduces the number of results by requiring that two terms appear together in a resource in order to be listed within the results. Use <b>AND</b> to filter out irrelevant results.
 image <b>NOT</b> self	<b>NOT</b> filters out results for terms that are commonly associated. Use <b>NOT</b> with caution as you may unwittingly remove results you may otherwise want.

[Additional info](#)



# Limiting and expanding searches

## Search Engine Methods

Try advanced searches to locate relevant subjects

Dropdown menus allow for searching specific fields like subject, author or title of a work

For personal names as subjects, use last name first

search Subject ▼ for king martin luther  
search Subject ▼ for rhetoric OR oratory  
search Title ▼ for  
search any field ▼ for

and ▼  
and ▼  
and ▼

Submit Search

Use boolean operators to your advantage

[Additional info](#)

# + Citing Sources – a review

- Use source citations to:
  - avoid plagiarism
  - demonstrate a strong understanding of the topic
  - strategically support your argument (stronger case)
  - allow readers to trace your line of reasoning





# Create and manage citations

- Use the [MLA, APA, Chicago and other style guides](#) from the library Website to format and check your citations (in text and works cited) for any media type
- Citations for books, audio/video and articles are located to the right of each record view for a selected resource.

## Cite this Book :

### APA

Kirsh, S. (2012). *Children, Adolescents, and Media Violence : A Critical Look at the Research*. Thousand Oaks, Calif.: SAGE Publications.

### MLA

Kirsh, Steven. *Children, Adolescents, and Media Violence : A Critical Look at the Research*. Thousand Oaks, Calif.: SAGE Publications, 2012.

### Turabian / Chicago

Kirsh, Steven. 2012. *Children, Adolescents, and Media Violence : A Critical Look at the Research*. Thousand Oaks, Calif.: SAGE Publications.

These citations are software generated and may contain errors. To verify accuracy, check the appropriate style guide.

Example citations from record view



# Manage resources and citations

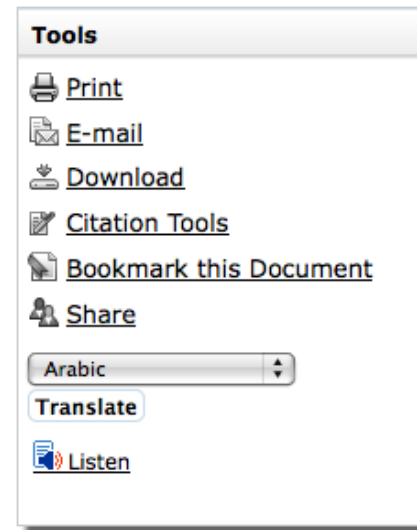
- Most article databases have tools to allow you to save or email a citations. Try the following locations on the database Web page:

- Upper right or left corner
- Directly above the article
- Right or Left toolbars



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- Citation Management & Formatting
  - [EndNote Web](#) access for students
  - Alternatively, [Zotero](#) includes a plug-in integrated with Firefox browsers



From: Gale  
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### OneSearch

Find Books, Articles, Media and More - **What is OneSearch?**

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There are many opportunities to volunteer and contribute to the Oviatt Library and participate in its special programs as a community member. [Read more.](#)

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Search across all books, journals and media, etc.

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OviattLibrary: CSUN Grad Student's Class Project Ends Up On Australian Prime Time Television <http://t.co/vpprURBzls>

**ScholarWorks Twitter**

**LibAnswers FAQ**

What is the Federal School Code, Title IV (Financial Aid Code)?

Does the CSUN Library have a 35mm microfilm scanner capable of digitizing images to tiff or other bitmap file formats?

How do I use both Roman numerals and regular numbers for pages in a Microsoft Word document?

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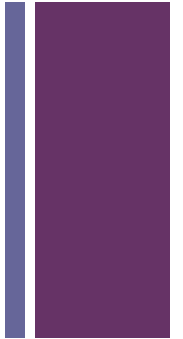
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# + Oviatt Library Services

- The Oviatt Library offers these additional services:

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  - [Interlibrary Loan](#)
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# + Personal Assistance



- Librarians are available to assist you through the following service points:
  - 24/7 “Ask a Librarian” chat service
  - Text a librarian (additional text fees may apply)
  - Reference desk
  - Subject Specialists
- I am also available for email reference and individual consultation by appointment. Please contact: [stephen.kutay@csun.edu](mailto:stephen.kutay@csun.edu)