Think outside the box.
Contents:

- evaluating resources
- topic refinement and research vocabulary
- locate and manage resources in OneSearch
- useful information sources for this class
- create and manage citations

Supplements
- Tour of the Oviatt Library Home Page
- Links to services and assistance
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](https://ulrichsweb.com) Global Serials Directory
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.
# Limiting and expanding searches

## Text Methods

- **Boolean Operators**

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<td><strong>OR</strong></td>
<td>expands your search results to include those that have EITHER of two similar terms. Use <strong>OR</strong> to increase your number of results.</td>
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<td><strong>AND</strong></td>
<td>reduces the number of results by requiring that two terms appear together in a resource in order to be listed within the results. Use <strong>AND</strong> to filter out irrelevant results.</td>
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## Additional info
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

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- 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

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

Children and Media Violence

Book Review 📚 Peer Reviewed

By: Bryant, Jennings
Year: 1999
Published in: Aggressive Behavior

Topics

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

Format

- Any
- Journal Article (100,630)
- Book Review (13,242)
- Dissertation (12,519)
- Trade Publication Article (1,573)
- Report (977)
- Newsletter (439)
- Conference Proceeding (157)

[ More Options ]

Click to view all categories

Save this record

Submit
Useful Resources (for this class)

- **Africana Studies - Subject Guide**

- **Reference**
  - **Black Literature Criticism** (electronic encyclopedia)
  - **Biographical Dictionaries**
  - **General Online Reference**

- **Caribbean & African Literature (books & ebooks)**
  - `s:(African Literature) AND s:(History and criticism)`
  - `s:(Caribbean Literature) AND s:(History and criticism)`
  - `s:(Caribbean literature) AND s:(Black authors) AND s:(History)`
Useful Resources (for this class)

- **Suggested Databases:**
  - Literature Resource Center
  - Black Studies Center
  - Ethnic NewsWatch
  - JSTOR

- **Digital Collections (primary sources):**
  - African Online Digital Library
  - African Studies Collection (University of Wisconsin)
  - African Studies Collections (University of Florida)
  - Digital Library of the Caribbean (DLOC)
  - The Early Caribbean Digital Archive (Northeastern Univ. and DLOC)

- **Video**
  - Ethnographic Video Online
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.

Example citations from record view:
Manage resources and citations

- Most article databases have tools to allow you to save or email a citation. Try the following locations on the database Web page:
  - Upper right or left corner
  - Directly above the article
  - Right or Left toolbars

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

Popular links

Click to view library hours for the month

Info most useful for undergrads

Get personal assistance

Policies, personnel and building info

Tutorials and guides

Search across all books, journals and media, etc.

news

Social media area
Oviatt Library Services

- The Oviatt Library offers these additional services:
  - Borrow and Renew
  - Interlibrary Loan
  - Course Reserves
  - Computers and Laptops
  - Imaging, Photocopying and Printing
  - Study Rooms and Lockers
  - For users with disabilities

- Important services for undergraduates
- Student Guide to the Oviatt Library
- Map of the Library
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