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Time: 9:30-10
Type of Session: Basic Intro to effective Database Searching, key word search strategy, subject headings, emailing citations and articles

COW LIBRARY DATABASES PAGE
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The databases listed here are just a selected group of those that you might use for your research.

You can select the top-used databases from the drop-down menu in the gray box. You can also get a complete A-Z list of databases off the libraries home page by choosing the DATABASES A-Z option under DATABASES in the lower left-hand column in the gray box.
https://libguides.wooster.edu/az.php

•DATEBASE: Academic Search Complete
https://wooster.idm.oclc.org/login?url=https://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?profile=ehost&defaultdb=a9h

Type of database:
An EBSCOhost database. Publication Dates: 1887 to present. A comprehensive scholarly, multi-disciplinary full-text database, including more than 8,500 full-text periodicals, and more than 7,300 peer-reviewed journals.

SAMPLE SEARCH STRATEGY
Note: template is an EBSCOHOST product template. These all look similar. See what your options are on the page.
For example, you can limit by **Language menu English**

SEARCH BY KEYWORD:
MONUMENT

•Searching brings up a lot of entries (over 26,000!). How else can you narrow your topic?

•You may want to put in a specific topic by adding another variable:
MONUMENT AND CONFEDERATE
•Now you only have entries that deal with **MONUMENT AND CONFEDERATE**

You can limit your search further
•Look at the left-hand column to see how you can limit your results by
•**Full Text**
•**SCHOLARLY**
•**DATE OF PUBLICATION**

•Look at the results
•Look at where the articles appear, the number of pages, the **SUBJECT TERMS** and **KEYWORDS** used
•Look at the abstract to see if they will be useful
Click on **SUBJ AND NOTE THAT YOU CAN LIMIT IT CONFEDERATE MONUMENTS**

NEW SEARCH BY KEYWORD:
SPANISH CIVIL WAR

•Searching brings up a lot of entries

•You may want to put in a specific topic by adding another variable:

SPANISH CIVIL WAR   AND

COLLECTIVE MEMORY OR PUBLIC MEMORY

•Look at the left-hand column to see how you can limit your results by

•Full Text

•SCHOLARLY

•LANGUAGE

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•DATEBASE: America: History and Life
https://wooster.idm.oclc.org/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?profile=
ehost&defaultdb=ahl

Type of database:
An EBSCOhost database. The definitive index of literature on the history and culture of
the United States and Canada, from prehistory to the present, with indexing for 1,700
journals, from 1910 to present. Includes book and media reviews. Strong English-
language journal coverage is balanced by international perspectives on topics and
events, including abstracts in English of articles published in more than 40 languages.

SEARCH BY KEYWORD:
        MEMORY AND WAR
•Note that you can limit by LANGUAGE pull-down menu on template
•Searching brings up a lot of entries. How else can you narrow your topic?
•You may want to put in a specific topic by adding another variable, SUCH AS A
SPECIFIC WAR:
        MEMORY AND WORLD WAR II
You can limit your search further
•Look at the left-hand column to see how you can limit your results by
        •Full Text
        •EXCLUDE BOOK REVIEWS
        •SCHOLARLY
        •SUBJECT WORLD WAR II
        •LANGUAGE

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•DATEBASE: NEW YORK TIMES HISTORICAL Newspapers
https://wooster.idm.oclc.org/login?url=http://search.proquest.com/hnpnewyorktimeswindex?accountid=15131

Type of database:
Note that this is PROQUEST database. This has a very different template for searching, but the concepts are the same.

This database contains the full-text of The New York Times. Newspaper databases help document and chronicle events as they unfold over time. See these are newspaper articles, they will be rather short.

SAMPLE SEARCH STRATEGY
 SEARCH BY KEYWORD: ENOLA GAY
 NOTE HOW YOU CAN DO A BASIC SEARCH STRATEGY AND SEARCH BY KEY WORD, BUT IF YOU HAVE SEVERAL VARIABLES IN MIND AND WHAT TO DO MORE COMPLICATED SEARCH STRATEGY CHOOSE ADVANCED SEARCH:
 ENOLA GAY
  AND
  SMITHSONIAN
  AND EXHIBIT

•Look at the left-hand column to see how you can limit your results
 FULL TEXT
 DATES
 SUBJECT

•Look at your results
•Click on a few of the articles and note related items to the right
•You can select articles of interest
•From the upper right tool bar you have options for saving/sending research

SAMPLE SEARCH STRATEGY
     SEARCH BY KEYWORD: VIETNAM WAR
     NOTE HOW YOU CAN DO A BASIC SEARCH STRATEGY AND SEARCH BY KEY WORD, BUT IF YOU HAVE SEVERAL VARIABLES IN MIND AND WHAT TO DO MORE COMPLICATED SEARCH STRATEGY CHOOSE ADVANCED SEARCH:

     VIETNAM WAR
     AND MEMORIAL
•Look at the left-hand column to see how you can limit your results
     CUSTOM DATE RANGE
        Can use sliding timeline
     FULL TEXT

SAMPLE SEARCH STRATEGY
     SEARCH BY KEYWORD: MAY 4TH KENT STATE
     NOTE HOW YOU CAN DO A BASIC SEARCH STRATEGY AND SEARCH BY KEY WORD, BUT IF YOU HAVE SEVERAL VARIABLES IN MIND AND WHAT TO DO MORE COMPLICATED SEARCH STRATEGY CHOOSE ADVANCED SEARCH:

     VIETNAM
     AND MEMORIAL
•Look at the left-hand column to see how you can limit your results
     CUSTOM DATE RANGE
        Can use sliding timeline 1980-1989

You may want to go back and specifically search
     VIETNAM
     AND MEMORIAL
     AND MAYA LIN
     FULL TEXT

Things to keep in mind when looking at search results from any database:
•number of results
　　　•do you need to narrow your search? Add more variables using **AND**
　　　•do you need to expand your results? Add more variables using **OR**
•date of publication　does it matter when something was published?
•type of publication　does it matter whether it is aimed at a scholarly or popular audience?
•language restrictions?
•geographical restrictions?

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