

Rhetoric Research Guide

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Terminology

Citations

Article Title, Author, Journal Title, Volume Number, Issue Number, Page Number, Date

Abstract

Summary of article, tells what the article is about

SFX

Links you to the full text of the article if it's available

Before you get to the computer...

1. Start with a Research Topic
2. Identify keywords & synonyms
3. Create search statements using And, Or, W1

AND narrows a search.

example: television AND viewing

OR broadens a search.

example: viewing OR watching

W1 makes your terms appear together as a phrase

example: reality w1 television

Helpful Search Tips

Truncation *

Allows you to include all possible word-endings

e.g. *Female* looks for females or female*

Parenthesis

Can be used to greatly expand or restrict a search
(internet or online) and social w1 interaction

Useful Resources

Communication and Mass Media Complete

- Click on the Scholarly Peer Reviewed option
- Will format your article citations in APA or MLA

MLA International Bibliography

Covers all types of criticism specifically film, literature and rhetoric

- Uses w to connect terms
- Click on SFX only if it is a journal article!
- Click on "search CSULB library" for books or book chapters

Academic Search Complete

Contains citations to popular and scholarly publications in different disciplines

- Click on “scholarly peer reviewed” box to get rid of popular stuff
- Use “more like this option”
- If it is a journal article click on SFX
- Will format your article citations in APA or MLA

COAST the library catalog

- Only things we have at CSULB
- Find books, e-books and more!
- Find out if CSULB owns a particular journal title (not article title!!)
- sort results by year (most recent first)
- search for videos, DVDs and audio books

Other Useful Databases

Film Literature Index (1976-2001)

Movie reviews, Criticism, Interviews with directors etc.

Lexis Nexis

Book, movie reviews

Newspapers

Reviews, commentary, editorial

Will format your article citations in APA or MLA

Humanities Abstracts

Scholarly and popular sources for film, literature and music

Will format your article citations in APA or MLA

Websites

Great American Speeches

<http://www.pbs.org/greatspeeches/>

Research Guide: Speech, Argumentation & Debate

<http://www.csulb.edu/library/subj/commstudies/speeches.html>

Citing sources

Owl Purdue MLA Guide <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/557/01/>

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Confirm Password by typing it twice more

If the screen just shows your name- it worked!

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