

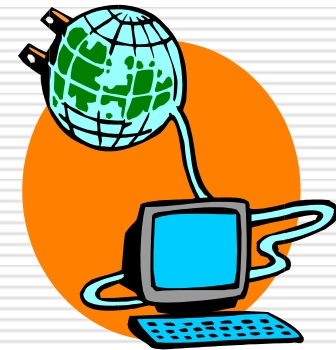
Freshman Composition

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An Introduction to the Cerritos College Library Resources

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Welcome!

- ❑ The goal of this orientation is to help you complete the assignment given to you by Professor Peralta.
 - ❑ And to introduce you to the wide range of information resources that are available to you at Cerritos College.
 - ❑ The information knowledge you gain here will prove useful throughout your academic and professional career.
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Library Hours



- Monday - Thursday 7:30 am - 9:00 pm
 - Friday 7:30 am - 3:00 pm
 - Saturday Closed
 - Sunday Closed
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- Online resources available 24/7



Available Resources

- The Library Home Page
- MyLibrary
- Research Guides
- Reference Books
- The Library Catalog
- Periodical Databases - Magazines, Journals, Newspapers & More
- Librarians
- Other Libraries



Research Guides

- Policies & Login Procedures
- Databases & E-Resources
- MLA Style
- Research Basics
- Finding Articles



All these guides - and more - available on the library home page.

Write a Research Paper...

- Informational?
- Argumentative?
- Literary Criticism?
- Scientific?



- Guides to Writing Research Papers
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Controversial Issue

- Advocate or persuade
 - Take a stand on an issue and present supporting evidence in favor of your position
 - Defend your position against opposing points of view
 - Anticipate and deflect arguments against your position
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Your Guidelines

- How many pages?
 - How many sources must you use?
 - What kind of sources can you use?
 - Reference books, books, articles, websites?
 - What format? MLA, APA, Turabian . . . ?
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The Research Process

- Choose a topic - or have one assigned
- Do background reading - jot down keywords
- Refine your topic - consider a main focus
- Gather information
 - Find books
 - Find articles
 - Maintain your source list
- Analyze and organize your information
- Write!



Now What?

□ Where do you start?



The Library Home Page & MyLibrary

Your Online Guide to Research and Resources

<http://www.cerritos.edu/library/>



Select a Topic

- Gay Marriage
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Background Reading

- ❑ Gives you a clearer idea of what to look for
 - ❑ Helps you narrow your focus
 - ❑ May change your direction
....or topic
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Refine Your Topic

□ Sex Discrimination

■ *Discrimination against women in the workplace*

- Women are given fewer opportunities for advancement in the workplace
 - Although all women come up against the “glass ceiling” it is worse for women who are mothers vs. non-mothers.

□ Eating Disorders

■ *Anorexia Nervosa*

- Anorexia in teenage girls
 - The media’s portrayal of women contributes significantly to the incidence of anorexia in teenage girls.
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Getting Background Information

- ❑ *Reference Books and Online Reference Resources* are a good starting point.
- ❑ By using these sources you will become better acquainted with your topic.



Background Reading

□ **Encyclopedias**

Always use the Index to find specific volume and page information

- **World Book Encyclopedia** REF AE5 .W55 2007
 - ✓ Marriage, Family, Gay Rights Movement, Liberalism, Massachusetts
 - **Encyclopedia of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender History in America** REF HQ76.3.U5 E53 2004
 - **International Encyclopedia of Marriage and Family** REF HQ9 .E52 2003
 - **Encyclopedia of American Social Movements** REF AE5 .W55 2007
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Background Reading

□ **Current Issues Series**

- **The Family: Opposing Viewpoints**
 - ✓ REFDESK HQ536 .F33814 2003
- **Gay and Lesbian Families: At Issue**
 - ✓ REFDESK HQ76 .U6 G39 2005
- **Gay marriage: At Issue**
 - ✓ REFDESK HQ1033 .G385 2005
- **Gays and Lesbians: Contemporary Issues Companion**
 - ✓ REFDESK HQ76.3 .U5 G3945 2005

□ **CQ Researcher**

- **Contains weekly reports that cover the most current and controversial issues.**
 - ✓ REFDESK H35 .C672 (from 1991 to current)
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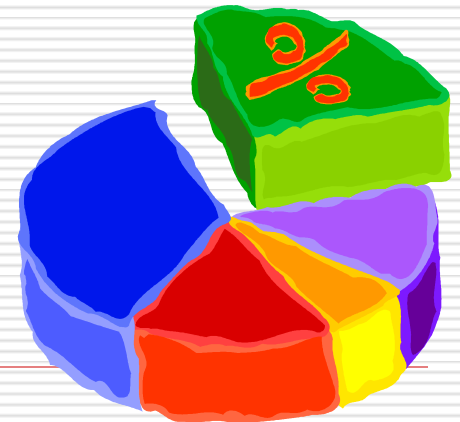
Online Reference Resources

□ What You'll Find:

- History
- Facts
- Statistics

□ About the general issues and the people involved

Facts on File
Gale Virtual Reference Library



Finding Books

□ The Library Catalog

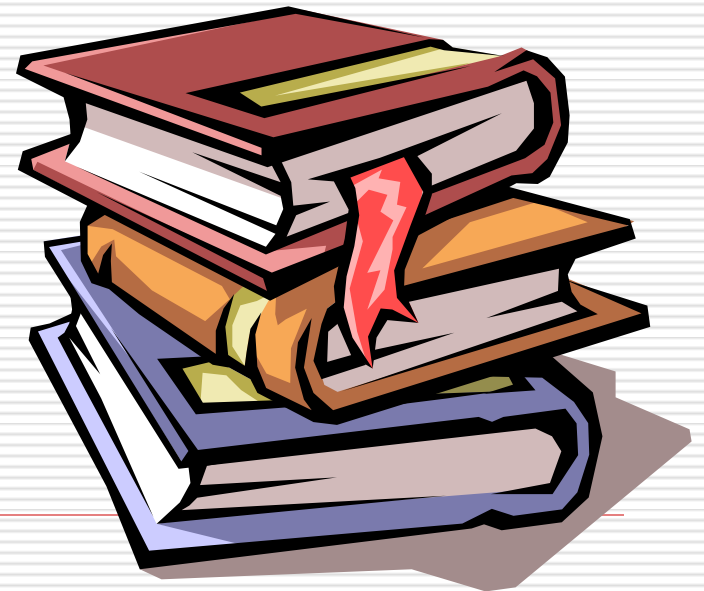
If you don't know the author or title...

Use Subject searches

(words chosen by the librarian or indexer)

or Keyword searches

(words that you choose)



Finding Articles

□ Journal and Newspaper Articles

EbscoHost

Ethnic NewsWatch

GenderWatch

ProQuest

NewsBank



Allows search logic or “Boolean logic”



No Search Logic



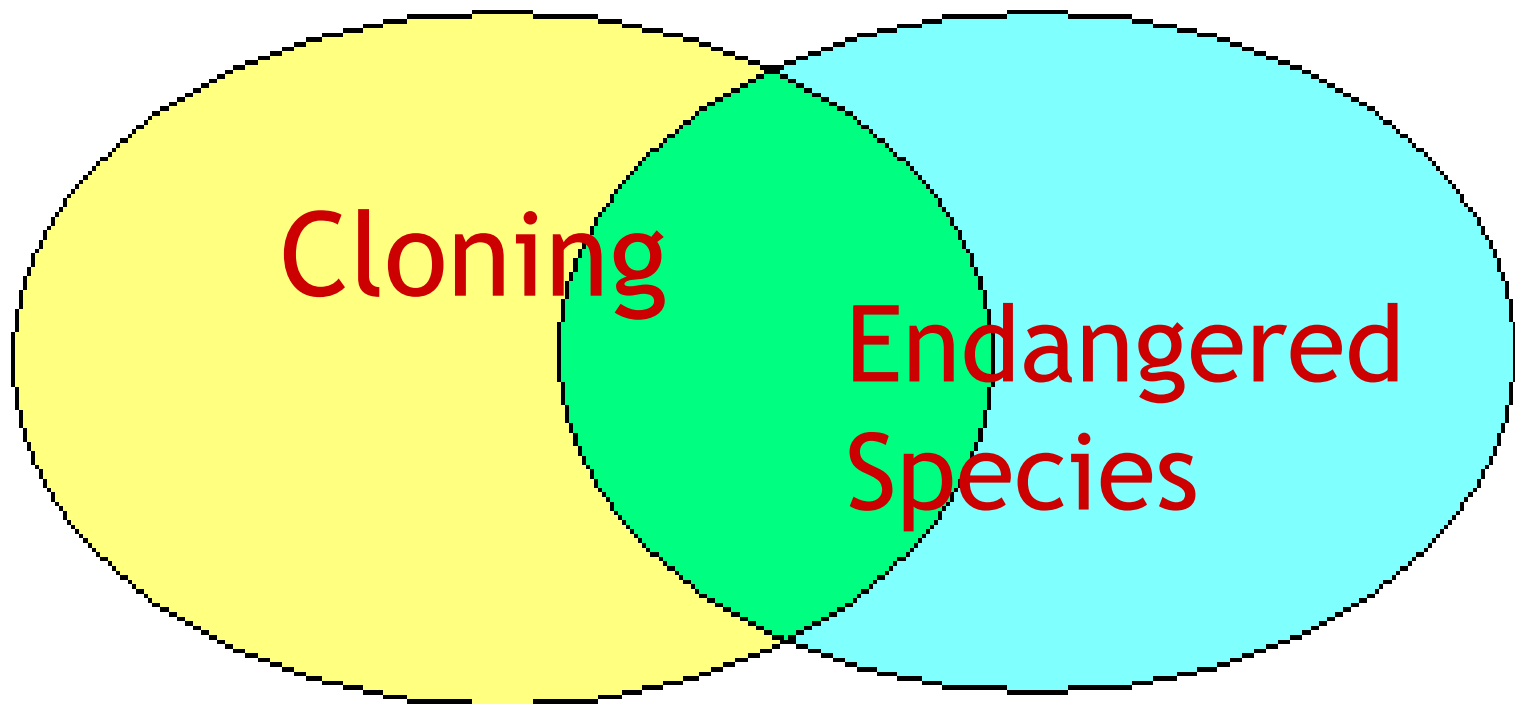
Cloning



Endangered
species

Search Logic

AND



Search Logic

OR



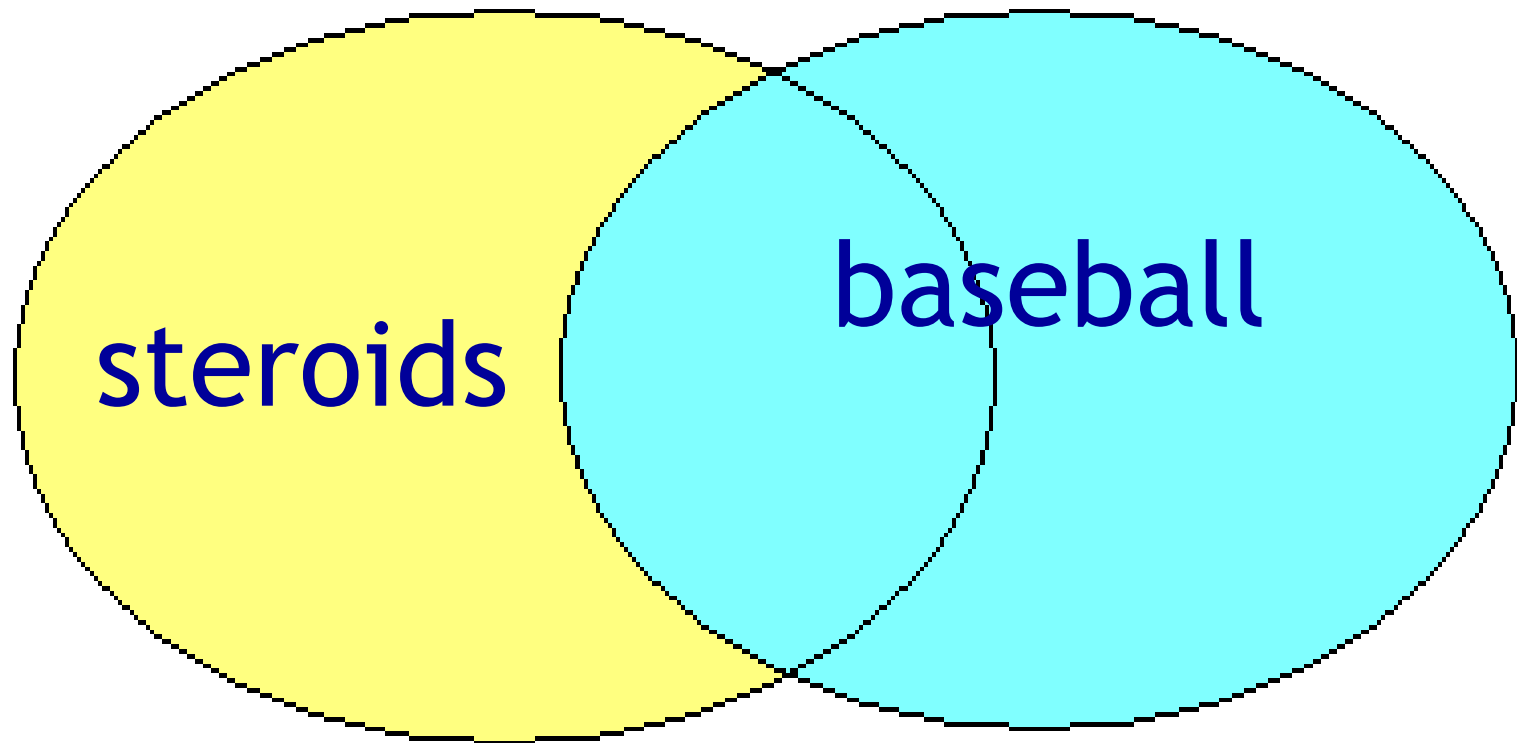
death
penalty



capital
punishment

Search Logic

NOT



Evaluating Web Sites

- Accuracy
 - Authority
 - Content/Coverage
 - Currency
 - Objectivity
 - Design
- See research guide.



Finding Web Sites

- **Google Search Engine**

 - <http://google.com>

 - Click on **Advanced Search** to limit by domain

Examples:

- **Human Cloning Foundation**

 - www.humancloning.org

- **U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Endangered Species Program**

 - <http://endangered.fws.gov/>

MLA Citations: What Information Is Needed?

For a Book

- Author
- Title
- Edition
- Place of Publication
- Publisher
- Date

For an Article

- Author
 - Title of Article
 - Title of Periodical
 - Issue information
 - Date and Pages
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When you absolutely, positively have to know...

- ❑ ASK A LIBRARIAN!
- ❑ WE'RE HERE TO HELP!!

