

Finding Books and Articles

An Introduction to the Cerritos College Library Resources

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Welcome!

- ❑ The goal of this slideshow is to help you complete the assignment given to you by Professor Vanciu.
- ❑ 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.



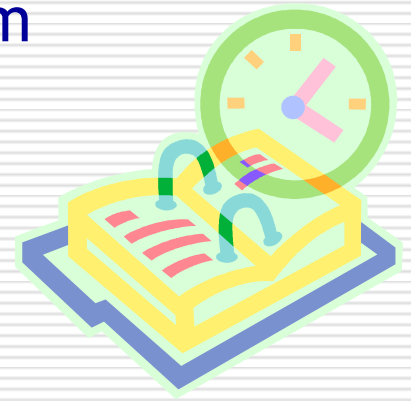
Orientation Overview

- General information about the Library
- Show and Tell - The resources you'll need to complete your assignment



Library Hours

- Monday - Thursday 7:30 am - 9:00 pm
- Friday 7:30 am - 3:00 pm
- Saturday - Sunday Closed



- But....**
 - online resources available 24/7!**
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Available Resources

- The Library Home Page
- MyLibrary
- Research Guides
- Reference Books
- The Library Catalog
- Subscription Databases - Magazines, Journals, Newspapers & Reference Resources
- Librarians
- Other Libraries - CSULB & Cerritos Public



Some Useful Research Guides

- Welcome and Login Procedures
- Databases & E-Resources
- Citing Internet Resources
- MLA Style Guide
- Research Basics
- Finding Articles



- All these guides, and more, are available on the library home page.
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What Do You Have to Do?

- Understand your assignment
 - Your professor is your best resource
 - How many pages?
 - How many sources?
 - What kinds of sources?
 - Books, articles, websites?
 - What format?



What Do You Have to Do?

- Develop a research strategy
 - Your Library is your best resource
 - Find books using the Library Catalog
 - Find articles using the Library Databases



Controversial Issue

- ❑ Involves advocacy or persuasion
 - ❑ 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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- ❑ We have a guide on [Researching a Controversial Issue](#)
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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

□ Your Online Guide to Research and Resources

□ Start [here](#) to find

- Research Guides
- The Library Catalog
- The Library Databases
- And even to Chat with a Librarian!



Topics Have Many Issues

Immigration Reform

- Economic Issues
 - Jobs
 - Taxes
 - Education
 - Health care
- Social Issues
 - Language
 - Culture
 - Crime
- Political Issues
 - Border Patrol
 - Terrorism
 - Representation
 - Voting rights

First Amendment

- The Patriot Act
- Freedom of speech
- Censorship
- Censored books
- Internet access
- Webpage blocking
- Intellectual freedom

Reproductive Technology

- Sex selection
 - In Vitro Fertilization
 - Posthumous conception
 - Surrogacy
 - Sperm and Egg donation
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Do Background Reading

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



Getting Background Information

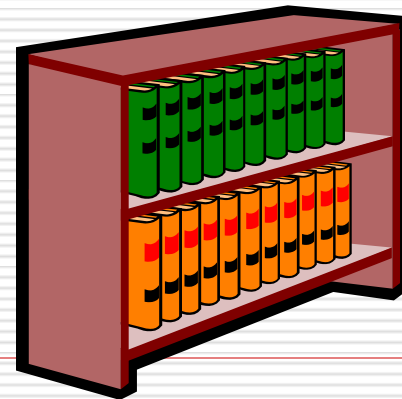
- ❑ *Reference Books and Online Reference Resources* are a good starting point.
- ❑ By using these sources you will become better acquainted with your topic.



Print Reference Resources

- ❑ Specialized Encyclopedias
- ❑ Current Issue Series

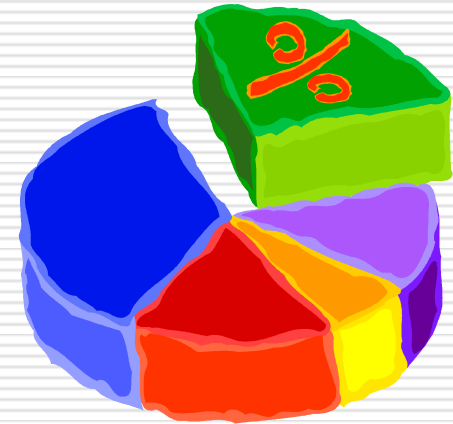
- ❑ All located in the library right behind the Reference Desk.



Online Reference Resources

What You'll Find:

- History
- Facts
- Statistics



- About the general issues and the people involved

Facts on File

Gale

CQ Electronic Library

- And many more! Choose your Reference Database [here](#).
 - Click [here](#) for Remote Access Instructions.
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Find Books

□ The Library Catalog

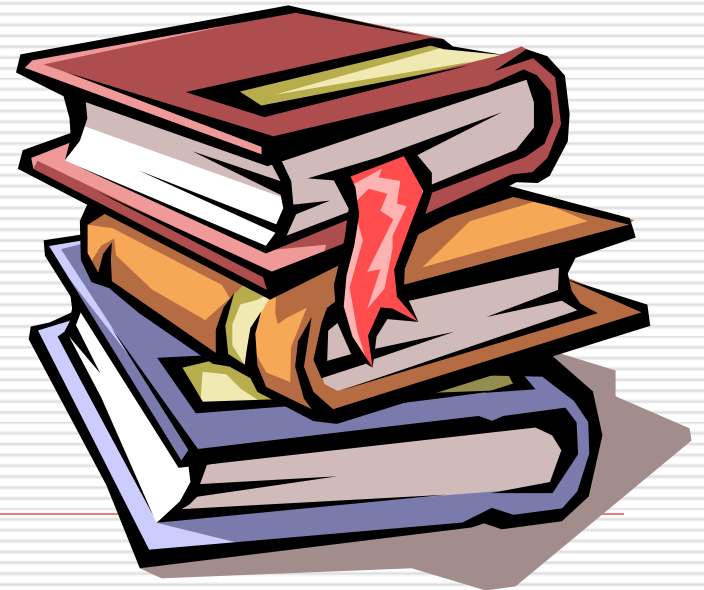
If you don't know the Author or Title...

Use Subject searches

(words chosen by the librarian or indexer)

or Keyword searches

(words that you choose)



A Call Number

DT159.6

.D27

S74

2007

DT159.6 = LC Subject Number

.D27 = Title Number

S74 = Author Number

2007 = Year Published

Title: The Devil Came on Horseback : Bearing Witness to the Genocide in Darfur

Author: Brian Steidle

Find Articles

- Journal and Newspaper Articles

EbscoHost
Ethnic NewsWatch
GenderWatch
ProQuest
NewsBank
Science Direct



- Choose your database [here](#).
 - Click [here](#) for Remote Access Instructions.
 - We have a guide on [Finding Articles](#)
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Citations and Abstracts

- ❑ Databases give you information about articles which helps you locate the article. This information is called a “**citation**”.
 - ❑ Most databases also tell you what the article is about. This information is called an “**abstract**”.
 - ❑ Many databases also provide “**Full-Text**”.
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Popular vs. Scholarly

□ Magazines:

- appeal to a broad audience
- have relatively short articles
- are written in non-technical language
- are easy to understand

□ Journals:

- have limited readers
 - are written by scholars or experts in the subject
 - use technical vocabulary
 - have a complex writing style
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Peabody Library Video

- *Scholarly vs. Popular Periodicals*

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VeyR30Yq1tA&feature=related>

Database Searching

- Databases allow you to limit or expand your search.
 - date
 - type of source
 - scholarly or popular
 - specific journal title
 - EBSCO database [video tutorial](#)
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Database Searching

- ❑ Databases allow “search logic” or “Boolean logic”
 - ❑ What is “search logic”?
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No Search Logic



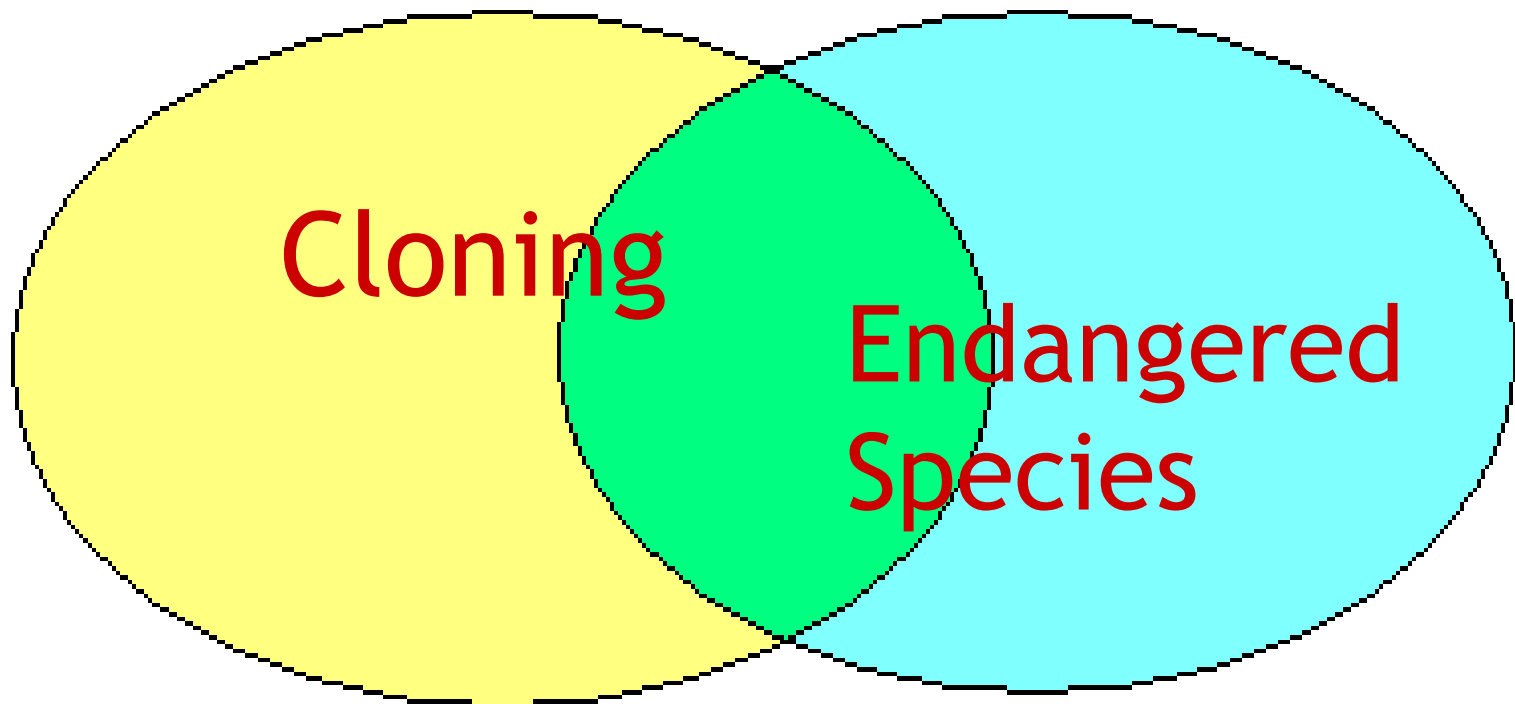
Cloning



Endangered
species

Search Logic

AND



Search Logic

OR



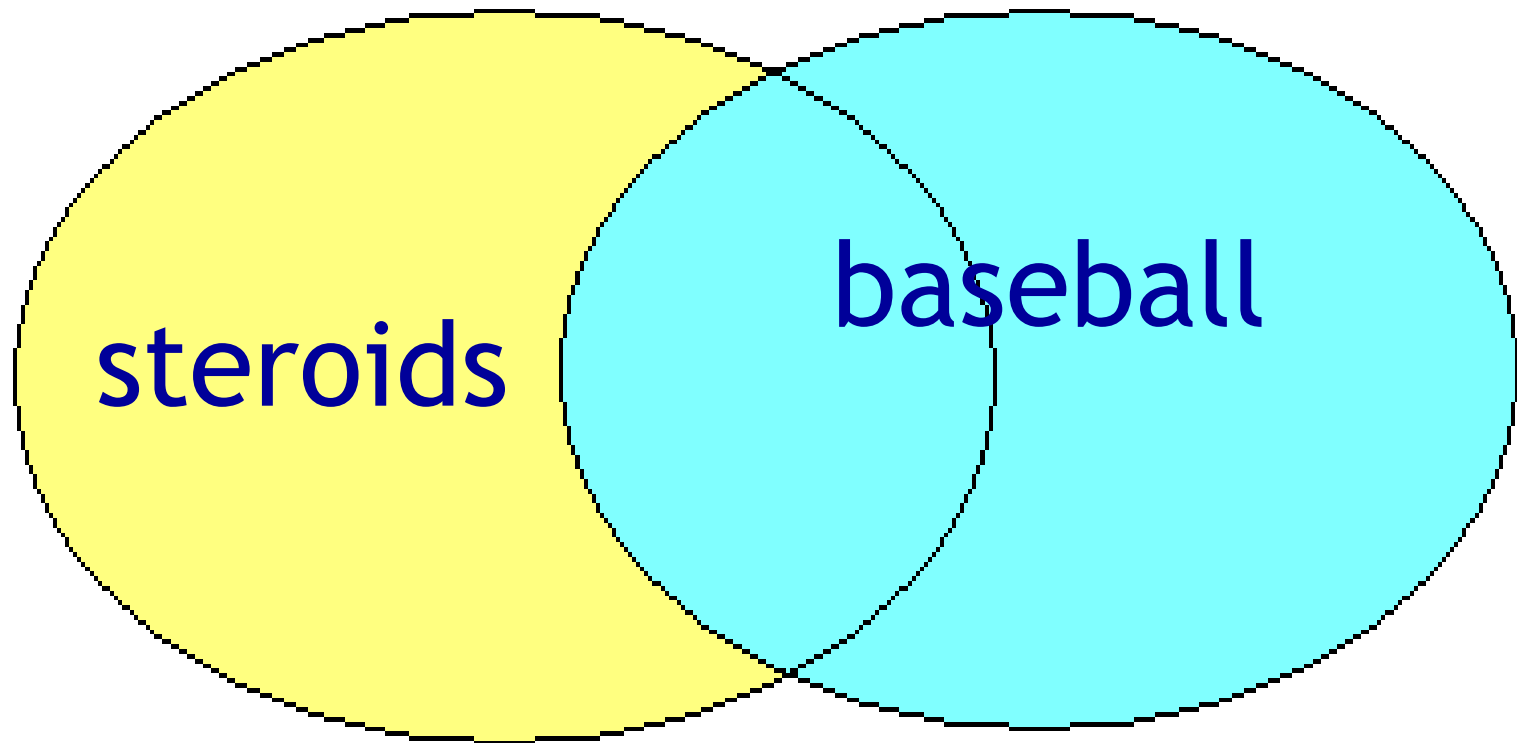
death
penalty



capital
punishment

Search Logic

NOT



Evaluating Web Sites

- Accuracy
- Authority
- Content/Coverage
- Currency
- Objectivity
- Design
- We have a guide on [Evaluating Websites](#)



MLA Citations: What Information Is Needed?

□ For a Book

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

- [MLA Style Guide](#)

□ For an Article

- Author
 - Title of Article
 - Title of Periodical
 - Issue information
 - Date and Pages
 - Online Database URL (if retrieved online)
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When you absolutely, positively have to know...

□ ASK A LIBRARIAN!

□ WE'RE HERE TO HELP!!

- In person
- By phone
- Send an email
- Chat

