


# **English 52**

## **Introduction to Composition**

### **The Freedom Writers Diary**



## **Resources for Research**

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# Orientation Overview

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- ❑ General information about the Library
- ❑ Resources available for your research
- ❑ Research process
- ❑ Questions



# Assignment

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Freedom Writers

The Book



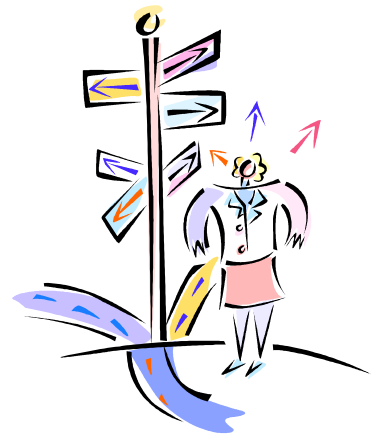
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# Handouts and Guides

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- ❑ Welcome to Cerritos College Library
- ❑ Login and Search Options
- ❑ Databases and E-Resources
- ❑ Citing Databases and E-Resources
- ❑ Freedom Writers Research Guide

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



# Resources

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- ❑ **Cerritos College Library Book Catalog**
- ❑ **Databases & E-Resources**
- ❑ **Selected Internet Sites**
- ❑ **Other Libraries/Resources**

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



# Before You Begin

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- ❑ **Make certain you understand the nature of your assignment**
  - Breadth
  - Scope

**Consult with your instructor if you have any questions, so you know the purpose of your research.**



# Research Process

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- ❑ **Select a topic**
- ❑ **Do background reading**
- ❑ **Refine your topic**
- ❑ **Gather information**
  - **Find books**
  - **Find articles**
  - **Find Internet sites**
  - **Maintain your source list**
    - ❑ **Ask a Librarian for assistance with any of these steps above**
- ❑ **Analyze and organize your information**
- ❑ **Write the paper**

# Gathering Information

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## Cerritos College Library

**Online catalog**

**Search for books**

Author

Title

Subject Search

Keyword Search

**MyLibrary**

**E-Book collections**



# Gathering Information

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## □ Databases and Search Logic

### ■ George Boole, mathematician 1815-1864

#### □ Boolean Operators

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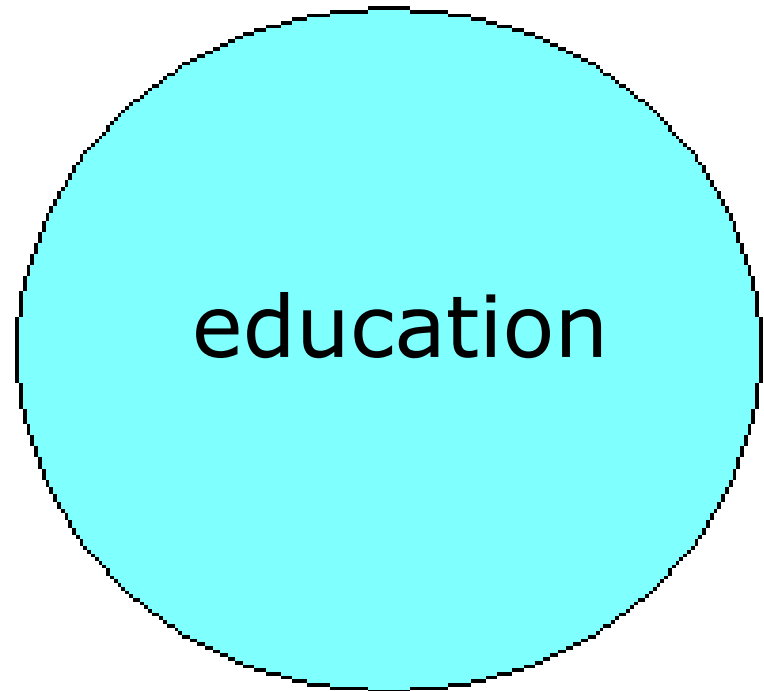
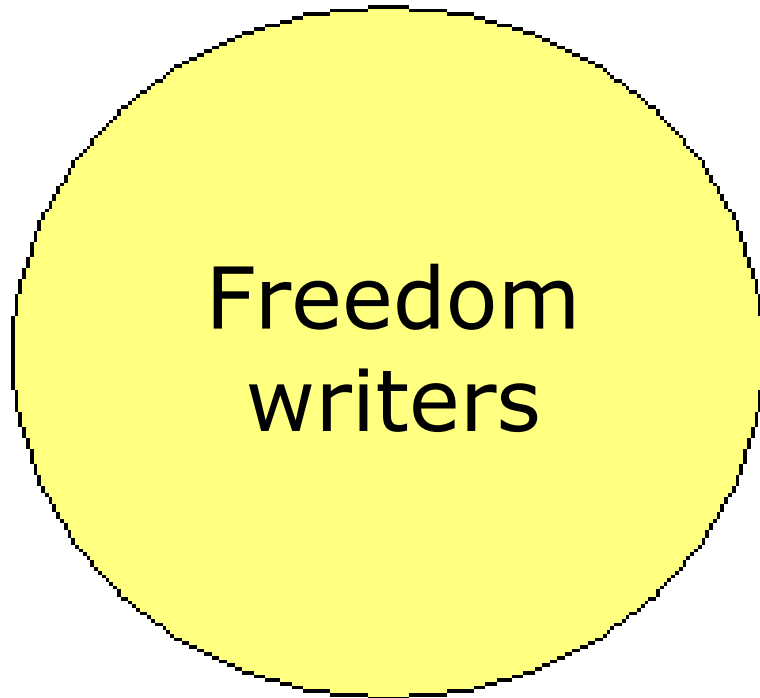
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# Search Logic

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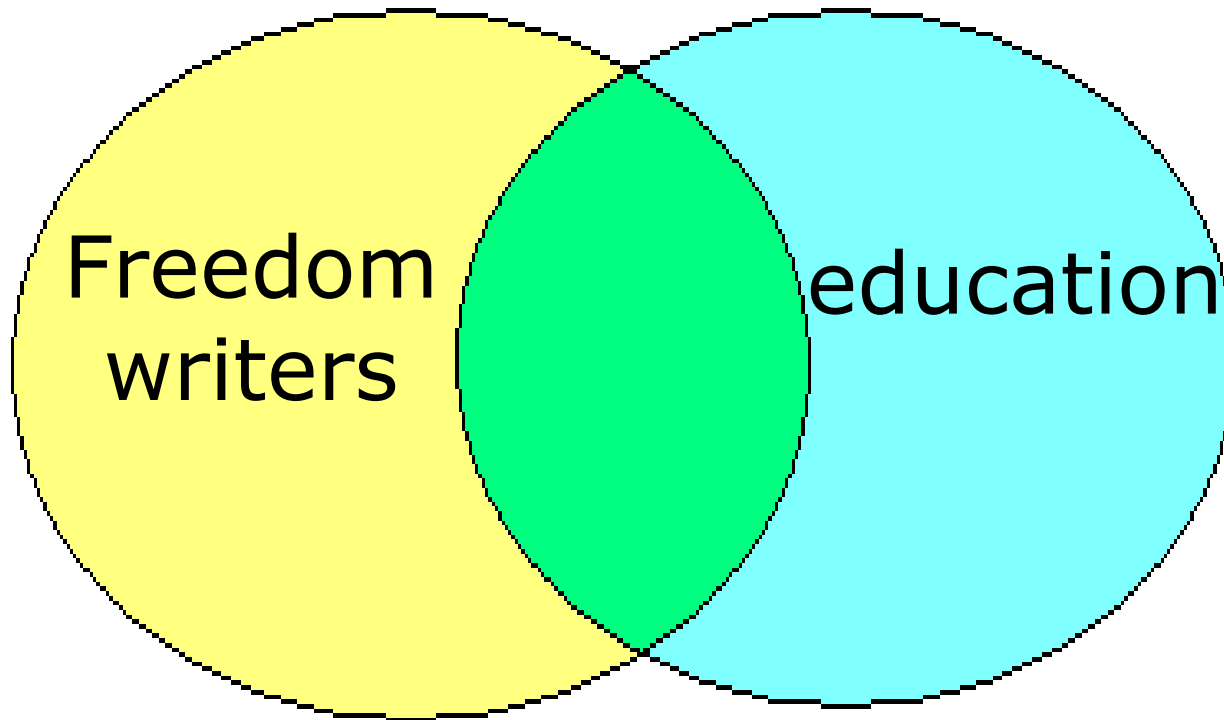
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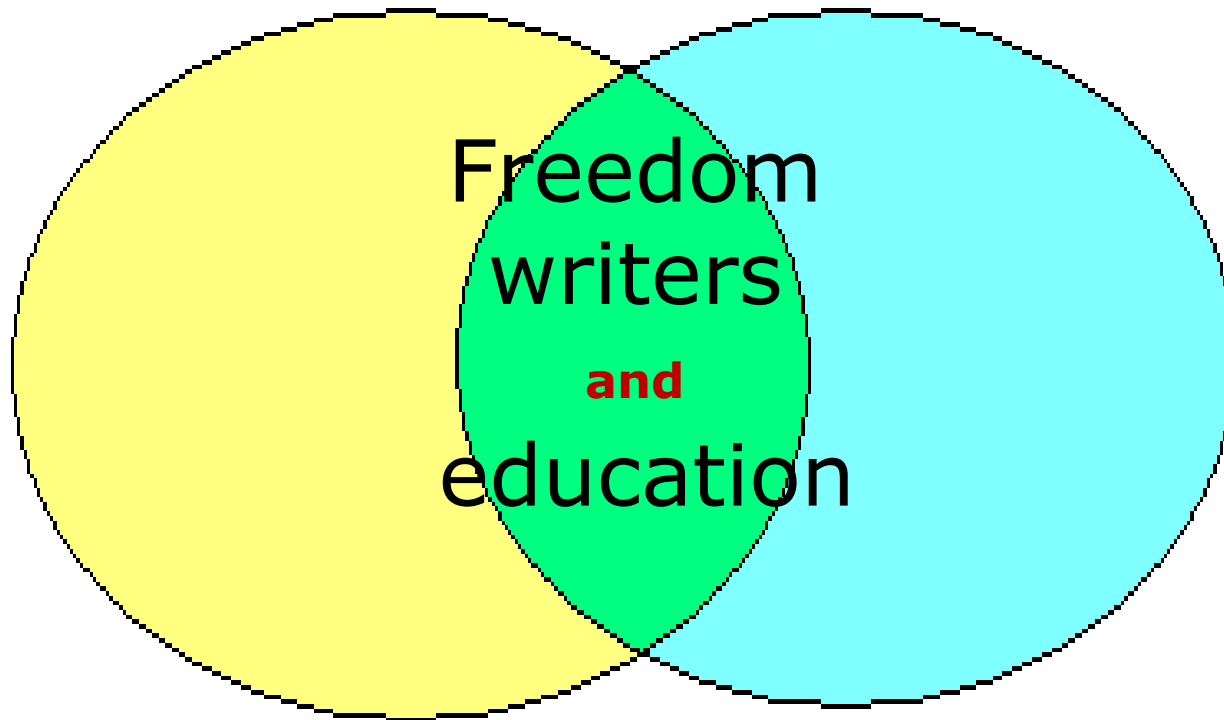
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# Search Logic

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# Search Logic

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OR



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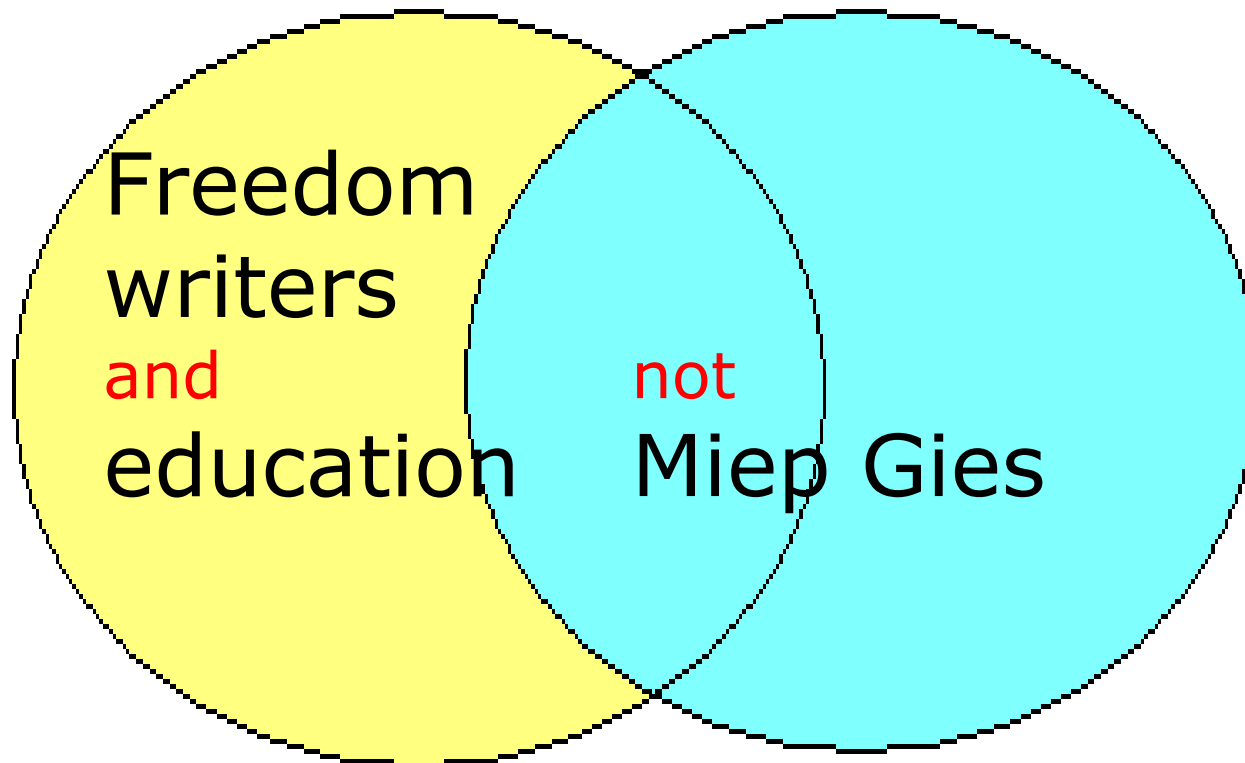


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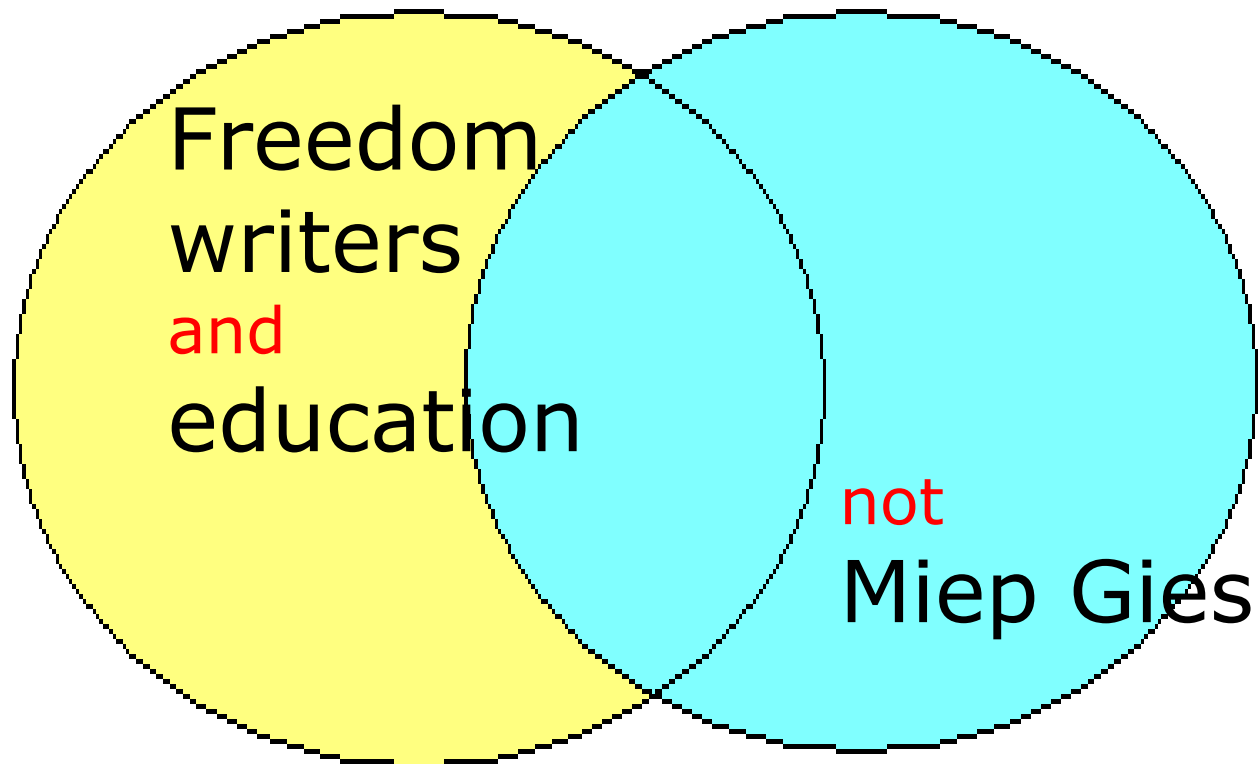
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# Search Logic

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NOT



# Gathering Information

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## Databases & E-Resources

- Ebscohost Databases
  - MasterFILE Premier
  - Literary Reference Center
- ERIC
- Gale Databases
- NetLibrary
- Proquest Databases
  - Ethnic NewsWatch
  - Proquest Newspapers

# Selected Web Sites

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- **Freedom Writers Foundation Homepage**

[http://www.freedomwritersfoundation.org/site/c.kqIXL2PFJtH/b.5183373/k.DD8B/FWF\\_Home.htm](http://www.freedomwritersfoundation.org/site/c.kqIXL2PFJtH/b.5183373/k.DD8B/FWF_Home.htm)

- **Freedom Writers at IMDB**

<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0463998/>

- **Official Freedom Writers Website**

<http://www.freedomwriters.com/>

- **Committee for Children: Freedom Writers  
Diary Book Review**

<http://www.cfchildren.org/support/bookreviews/freedomwriters/>

# Selected Search Engines

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## □ Google Directory

- <http://www.google.com/dirhp?hl=en>

## □ Clusty

- <http://clusty.com/>



# Using the Internet & WWW

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Always evaluate web sites before you use the information you find there. Look for:

- **Accuracy**
- **Authority**
- **Content/Coverage**
- **Currency**
- **Objectivity**
- **Design**



# Other Libraries & Resources

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- ❑ Cerritos Public Library
- ❑ CSU, Long Beach Library
- ❑ Ask A Librarian



# Conclusion

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□ **When you need assistance....ask:**

**The librarians are available to assist you with your research. Be sure to ask.**

