

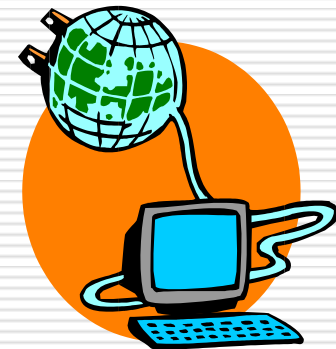
# The College Research Paper

## Gathering Your Sources

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An Introduction to the Cerritos College Library  
Resources

2009



# Welcome!

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- ❑ The goal of this slideshow is to help you complete the assignment given to you by your professor.
  - ❑ 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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# Orientation Overview

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

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- Monday - Thursday      7:30 am - 9:00 pm
- Friday                      7:30 am - 3:00 pm
- Saturday                    9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- Sunday                      Closed

- Summer hours will differ
- Online resources available 24/7

■ Click [here](#) for current hours



# Available Resources

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- 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

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- Library Policies
- Databases & E-Resources
- Citing Internet Resources
- MLA Style Guide
- APA Style Guide
- Research Basics
- Researching a Controversial Issue
- Finding Articles
- Subject Specific Guides



- All guides are available on the library home page.
  - Click [here](#) for a list of all guides.
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# What Do You Have to Do?

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- Understand your assignment



# Write A Research Paper

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

■ We have a guide on [Research Basics](#).

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# Controversial Issue

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- ❑ 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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# Your Parameters

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- Understand your assignment
    - Your professor is your best resource
  - How many pages?
  - How many sources?
  - What kind of sources?
    - Reference books, books, articles, websites?
  - What format?
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# What Do You Have to Do?

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

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- 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?

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Where do you start?



# The Library Home Page

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Your Online Guide to Research and Resources

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



# The Library Home Page

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- Start [here](#) to find
  - Research Guides
  - The Library Catalog
  - The Library Databases
  - And even to Chat with a Librarian!



# Do Background Reading

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- 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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# Topics Have Many Issues

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## 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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# Getting Background Information

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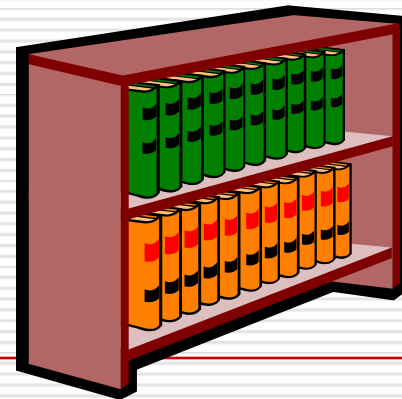
- ❑ *Reference Books and Online Reference Resources* are a good starting point.
- ❑ By using these sources you will become better acquainted with your topic.



# Print Reference Resources

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- ❑ Specialized Encyclopedias
- ❑ Current Issue Series
  
- ❑ All located in the library right behind the Reference Desk.

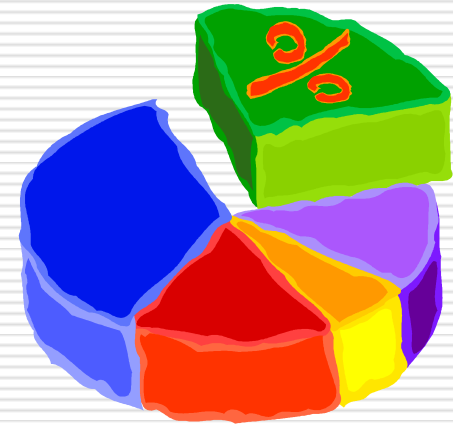


# Online Reference Resources

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## What You'll Find:

- History
- Facts
- Statistics



- About the general issues and the people involved

*Facts on File*  
*Gale*

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

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## 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 contribute significantly to the incidence of anorexia in teenage girls.
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# Find Books

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## □ The Library Catalog

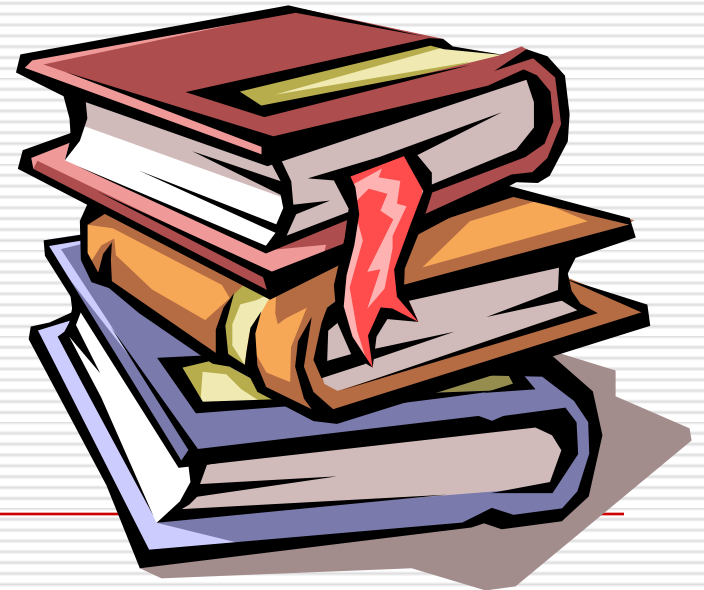
If you don't know the Author or Title...

*Use Subject searches*

(words chosen by the librarian or indexer)

*or Keyword searches*

(words that you choose)



# Find Articles

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- Journal and Newspaper Articles

EbscoHost  
Ethnic NewsWatch  
GenderWatch  
ProQuest  
NewsBank



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



# Citations and Abstracts

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- ❑ 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

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## □ 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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# Use Databases

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

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Cloning

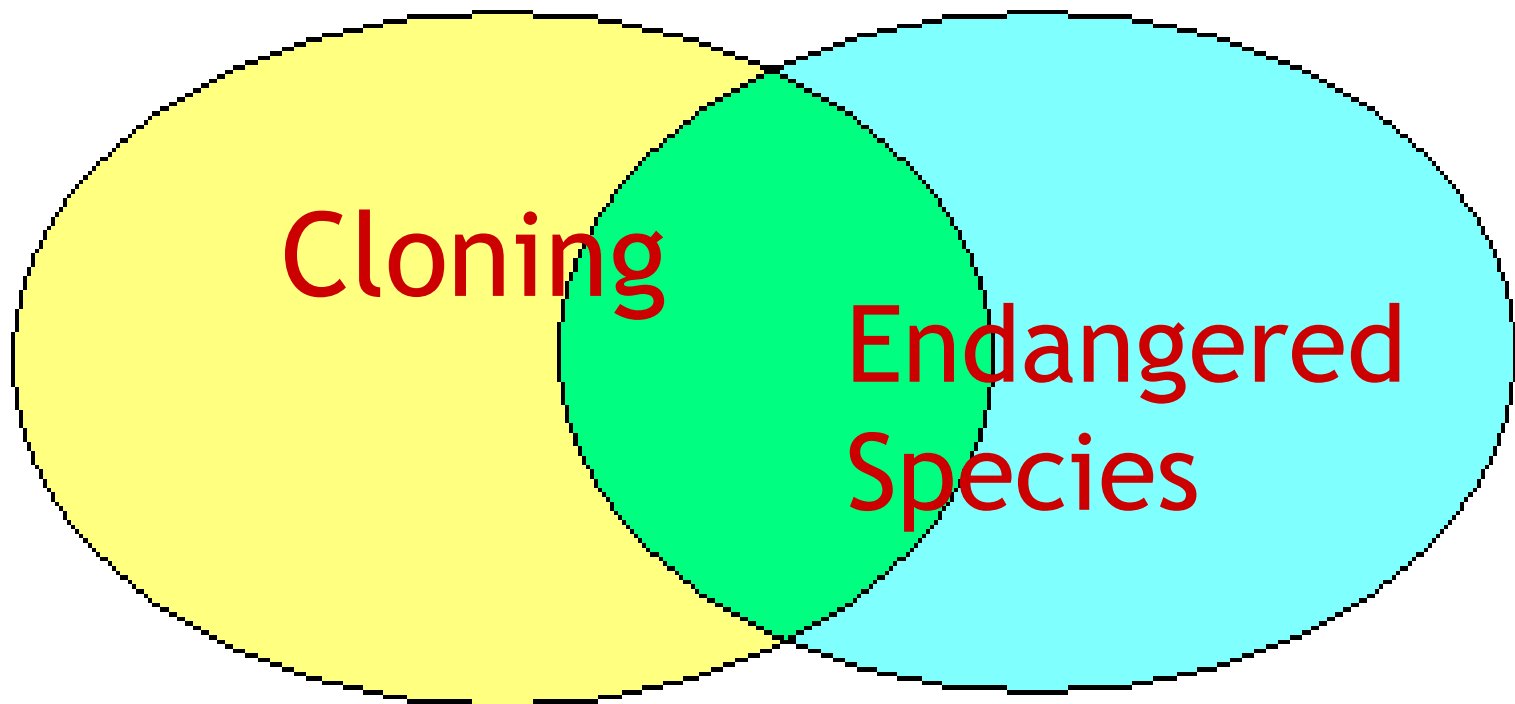


Endangered  
species

# Search Logic

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AND



# Search Logic

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OR



death  
penalty

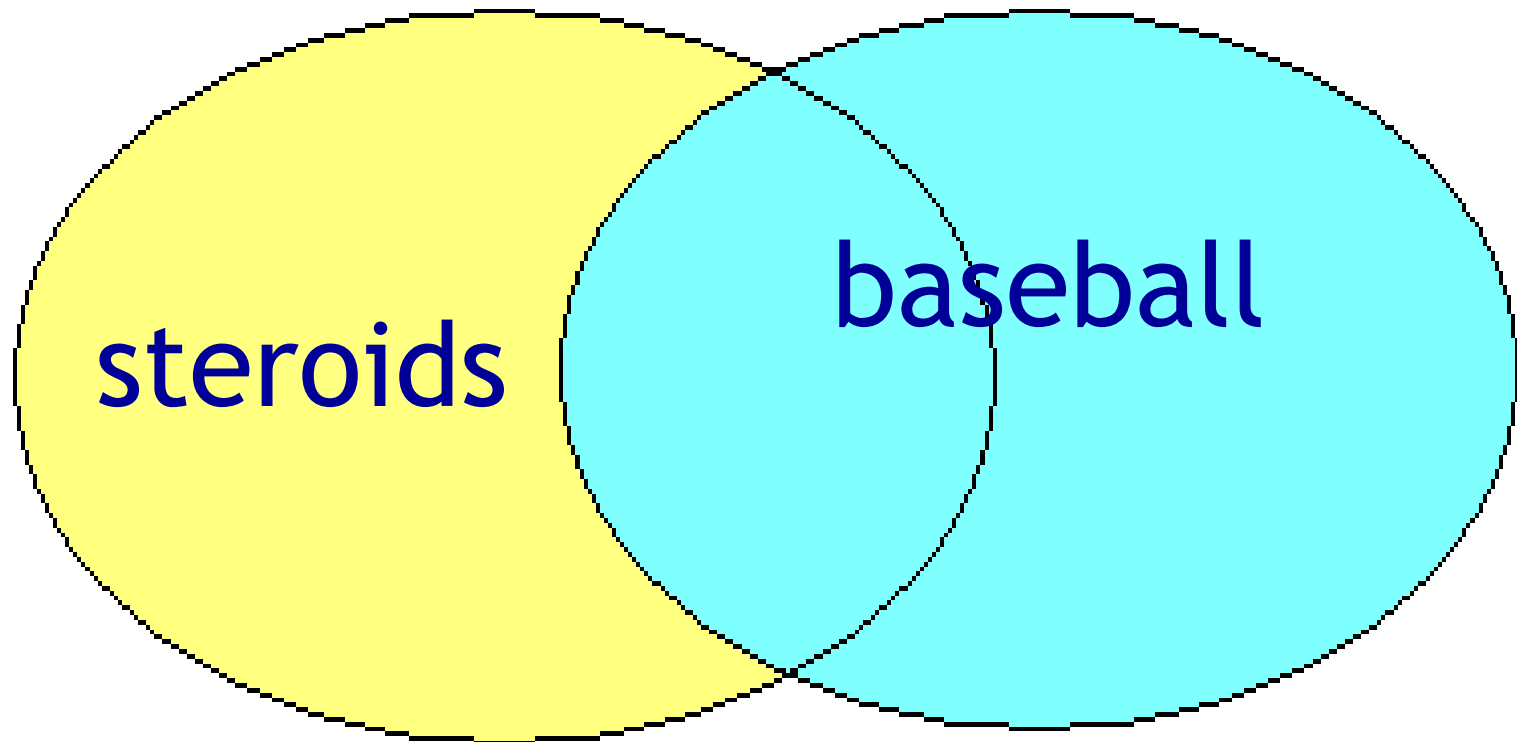


capital  
punishment

# Search Logic

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**NOT**



# Evaluating Web Sites

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



# Finding Web Sites

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- **Google Search Engine**

  - <http://google.com>

    - Click on >> more then **Directory** web sites by subject

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

Examples:

- **Human Cloning Foundation**

  - [www.humancloning.org](http://www.humancloning.org)

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

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

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# Writing Web Site

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A+ Research and Writing for High School  
and College Students

<http://www.ipl.org/teen/aplus/aplus.htm>

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# MLA Citations: What Information Is Needed?

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## □ 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!!

