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In this activity, you will use library search tools [research databases] to locate two sources for your topic.

You do not have to use these sources in your paper, but you might want to.

Your goal is to learn which tools might help you and how to use them.

Instructions Follow the librarian’s prompts as we work through the tasks. 🧐 <i>Remember:</i> Successful researchers will use more than one search tool, run many searches, and sift through multiple sources before settling on the ones they will use.
Tools - Choose your option OPTION A: Try the Librarian’s Favorites for this assignment Find explainers and overviews - like college-level Wikipedia articles. • Credo Reference • Gale eBooks Find articles from journals, magazines, news, and books. • ProQuest Central • Gale Research Complete OPTION B: Browse suggestions on the Library’s Public Speaking Research Guide OPTION C: Sort through the Library’s A-Z database list - try sorting by Subject or Type
Strategies Use different search strategies to find sources, including: • Keywords / search terms • “Exact phrase” • 3 Magic Words (and / or / not) [called “Boolean” in library jargon!] 🧂 Think: salt AND pepper / salt OR pepper / salt NOT pepper • Filters and Limiting (date/year - type - subject - look for more!)
Cite & Save Generate a sample citation using the Citation Tool.
💡 Pro Tips 💡 • Be flexible by trying different search terms or keywords. • Be persistent by trying a different tool if one isn’t working so well. • Ask for help if you need it! You have lifelines = each other; instructor; librarian; chat with the library at https://library.nwacc.edu/home

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