

Where Should Westie the Wildcat Go Next?

Databases & Search Strategies

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Learning Targets:

- ❖ I can use databases to find relevant, reliable/trustworthy information to answer my questions. (Databases have been vetted.)
 - ❖ I can be flexible when researching by using a variety of strategies.
 - ❖ I can use information ethically and responsibly and provide basic works cited information using an MLA template.
1. Go to [West Woods Library](#) website
 2. Databases page (menu on left side)

Database Explored in Class:

- ***CultureGrams***
- ***World Geography & Culture Online***
- ***FactCite: Countries & Culture***

Username and passwords to access resources are in the following [Google Doc](#).

Search Strategies:

- Use text features
- Drill down
- Knowing keywords (most important words)
- Synonyms

Don't forget to use Ebooks from [Epic](#) (use the code from your teacher to log in)
(here is an updated "[how to complete a works cited template](#)" for an Epic eBook)

Remember:

- Be willing to expand and refine your search as needed.
- This is a process that takes a lot of work. It takes **time, flexibility, and persistence.**
- Share successful search strategies or techniques with your classmates when they are stuck.
- If you need to, you can try other databases- just make sure they are relevant to your research.
- Complete [works cited template](#) for **each** source you use (make a copy if your teacher did not already share one with you)