

# How to Access the EBSCO Databases

1. First, you will need to log into the [OCDSB Virtual Learning Environment \(VLE\)](#). Click on the link above, or use the link from the OCDSB home page.



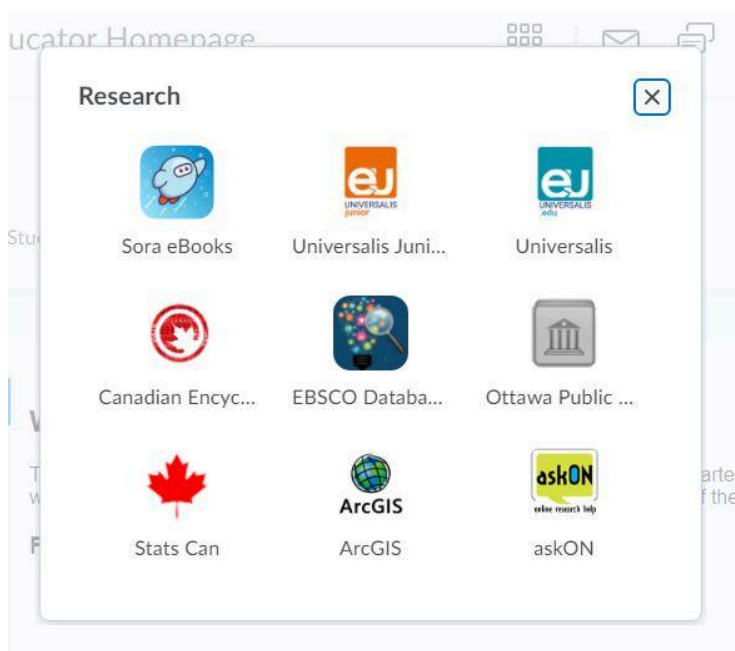
Login using your OCDSB email address (e.g. john.smith@ocdsb.ca) in the username field and OCDSB email password to sign in.

For best user experience please use Chrome Browser. Not sure of your credentials? Email: [vle.support@ocdsb.ca](mailto:vle.support@ocdsb.ca)

2. Once you have logged in, click on the "Research" Tab at the top of the page.



This will open up several options:



3. Click on the center option: EBSCO Databases

This will open up several options ([more info on each database is at the end of this document](#)):

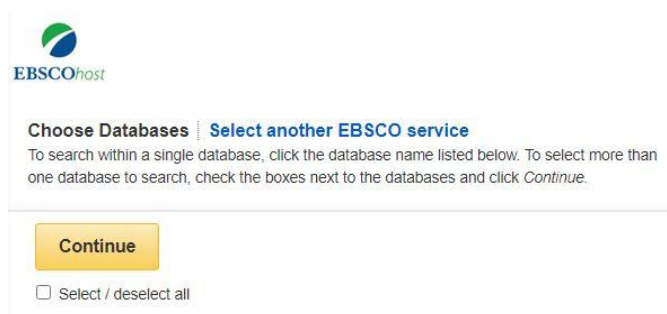
- EBSCOhost Web
- Explora Canada
- Canadian Reference Centre
- Explora Primary
- Advance Placement Source
- Literary Reference Center Plus
- Middle Search Plus
- Funk and Wagnall Encyclopedia
- Science Reference Center
- History Reference Center
- Canadian Points of View
- Canadian Literary Centre eBook Collections

You can choose any of these individual databases, or you can use EBSCOhost Web to search all of them, or as many of them as you want, at the same time.

4. To search multiple databases, click on the top option, “EBSCOhost Web”:



This will open up the following:

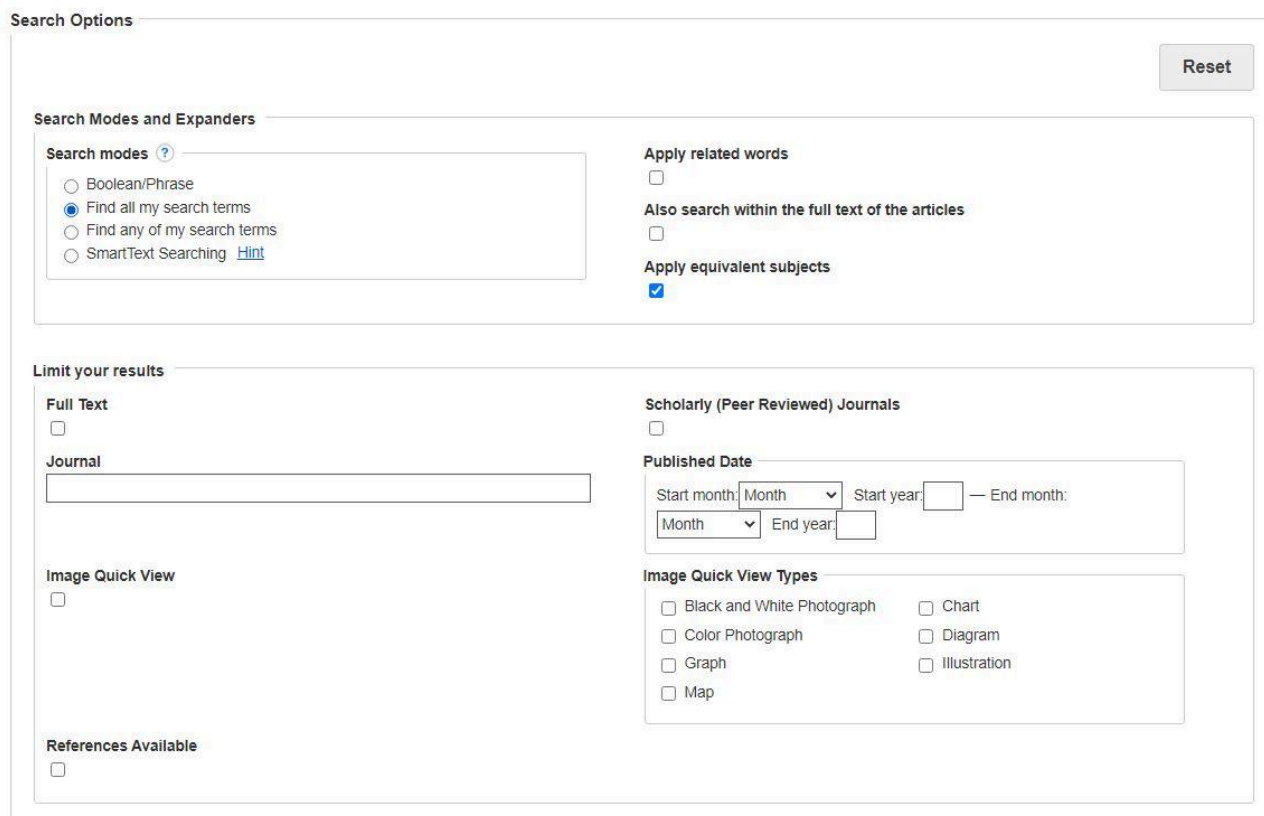


5. Select the database(s) that you wish to search. You can choose individual databases, or more than one at a time. More information on each individual database is at the end of this document.
6. Once you select the databases you wish to include in your search, and click “Continue”, you will enter the main EBSCO host search page. Here you can enter a basic search by typing in keywords and clicking “Search”:



The image shows the EBSCOhost search interface. At the top left is the EBSCOhost logo. To its right, it says "Searching: [Advanced Placement Source](#), [Show all](#) | [Choose Databases](#)". Below this is a "Field Codes" link. The main search area features a large text input box with the placeholder text "Enter any words to find books, journals and more" and a small "x" icon in the top right corner. To the right of the input box is a green "Search" button with a question mark icon. Below the input box are three links: [Basic Search](#), [Advanced Search](#), and [Search History](#).

7. Or, you can do an advanced search by selecting any of the Search Options listed below:



The image shows the "Search Options" form. At the top left is the "Search Options" label, and at the top right is a "Reset" button. The form is divided into two main sections: "Search Modes and Expanders" and "Limit your results".

**Search Modes and Expanders**

**Search modes** [?](#)

- ☐ Boolean/Phrase
- ☒ Find all my search terms
- ☐ Find any of my search terms
- ☐ SmartText Searching [Hint](#)

**Apply related words**

☐

**Also search within the full text of the articles**

☐

**Apply equivalent subjects**

☒

**Limit your results**

**Full Text**

☐

**Journal**

**Image Quick View**

☐

**References Available**

☐

**Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals**

☐

**Published Date**

Start month:  Start year:  — End month:  End year:



**Image Quick View Types**



- ☐ Black and White Photograph
- ☐ Color Photograph
- ☐ Graph
- ☐ Map
- ☐ Chart
- ☐ Diagram
- ☐ Illustration



You also have special Search Options for each of the databases you have selected. These are listed further down on the search page.



8. Once you have entered your search terms and clicked on “Search”, your results will appear.

Search Results: 1 - 10 of 295 Relevance ▾ Page Options ▾ Share ▾



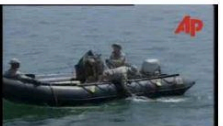
1. **Borden, Sir Robert Laird**  

 Reference Funk & Wagnalls New World Encyclopedia. 2018. 1p. , Database: Funk & Wagnalls New World Encyclopedia  
**Subjects:** Borden, Sir Robert Laird  
 [HTML Full Text](#)

2. **Why is Sir Robert Borden hanging at the Perth legion?**  

 News Perth Courier & Weekender (ON). 12/03/2019. , Database: Canadian Reference Centre  
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Video Results (3 of 19) [View all results](#)

9. You will also be given the option of refining your search:

**Refine Results**

**Current Search** ▾

**Find all my search terms:**  
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**Expanders**  
Apply equivalent subjects 

**Limit To** ▾

☐ Full Text  
☐ Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals  
☐ Image Quick View

From:  Publication Date To:   


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**Source Types** ▾

☒ All Results  
☐ News (2,377)  
☐ Academic Journals (894)  
☐ Magazines (795)  
☐ Books (628)  
☐ Reviews (543)

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## **EBSCO Databases (as of September 2021)**

*Advanced Placement Source* is designed to meet the extensive needs of high school students enrolled in various AP courses. It offers a world of knowledge for students who seek to achieve academic excellence. *Advanced Placement Source* contains more than 5,550 full-text academic journals and magazines and over 502,000 photos, maps and flags

*Canadian Reference Centre* combines Canadian magazines, newspapers, newswires and reference books to create the largest collection of regional full text content available to Canadian libraries. This database includes leading Canadian periodicals and international (U.S. and U.K) periodicals in full text; full text reference books; over 87,900 full text biographies and an Image Collection of over 502,000 photos, maps, and flags. This database is updated on a daily basis.

*eBook Collection (EBSCOhost)*: Search and view the full text of eBooks.

*Funk & Wagnalls New World Encyclopedia*: This database provides over 25,000 encyclopedic entries covering a variety of subject areas.

*GreenFILE* offers well-researched information covering all aspects of human impact to the environment. Its collection of scholarly, government and general-interest titles includes content on global warming, green building, pollution, sustainable agriculture, renewable energy, recycling, and more. The database provides indexing and abstracts for more than 1,000,000 records, as well as Open Access full text for more than 15,000 records.

*History Reference Center* offers full text from more than 1,620 reference books, encyclopedias and non-fiction books, cover to cover full text for more than 150 leading history periodicals, nearly 57,000 historical documents, more than 78,000 biographies of historical figures, more than 113,000 historical photos and maps, and more than 80 hours of historical video.

*History Reference eBook Collection*: This ebook reference collection offers a rich selection of historical eBook titles covering global topics from the ancient world through today.

*Literary Reference™ Center* (LRC Plus) is a full-text database that combines information from major respected reference works, books, literary journals as well as original content from EBSCO Publishing. *Literary Reference Center Plus* contains everything in *Literary Reference™ Center*, plus the following: over 1,200 additional full-text literary reference books/works, over 200 additional full-text literary journals and magazines, 35 volumes of new contemporary literature titles from Salem Press, 40 full-text literary study guides and 72 literary videos.

*Literary Reference eBook Collection*: This ebook reference collection offers a rich selection of eBook titles covering a broad range of literary-related subjects. Selections include literary criticism, study guides, and classics such as Emma, Dracula and Frankenstein.

*Middle Search Plus* provides full text for more than 140 popular, middle school magazines. All full text articles included in the database are assigned a reading level indicator (Lexiles). Full text is also available for thousands of biographies and historical essays. *Middle Search Plus* also contains 84,774 biographies, 105,786 primary source documents, and a School Image Collection of photos, maps and flags

*Middle Search Reference eBook Collection*: This ebook reference collection offers a rich selection of eBook titles covering a broad range of general reference subjects for middle school students. Topics include social studies, math, history, language arts, technology, geography, culture, and science.

*Primary Search* provides full text for more than 70 popular, magazines for elementary school research. All full text articles included in the database are assigned a reading level indicator (Lexiles), and full text information dates as far back as 1990.

*Science Reference Center* is a comprehensive research database that provides easy access to a multitude of full text science-oriented content. This database contains full text for nearly 640 science encyclopedias, reference books, periodicals, etc. Topics covered include: biology, chemistry, earth & space science, environmental science, health & medicine, history of science, life science, physics, science & society, science as inquiry, scientists, technology and wildlife.

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