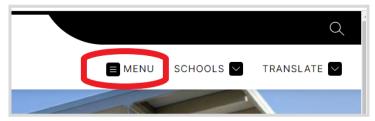
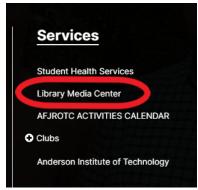
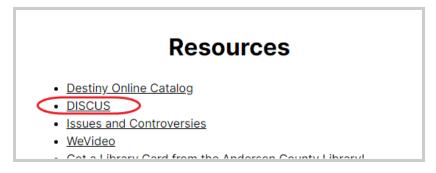
## **Accessing Discus for Research**

- 1. Navigate to <a href="https://phs.anderson4.org/">https://phs.anderson4.org/</a>
- 2. Under Menu click Library Media Center.

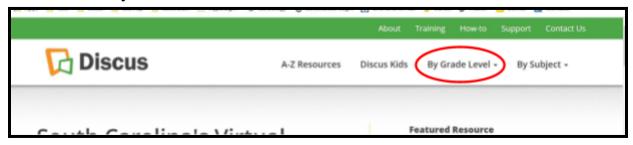




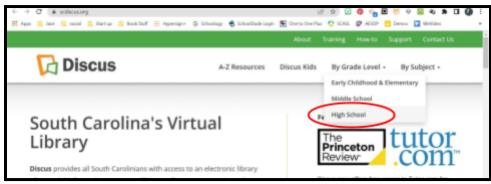
3. Under Resources click Discus.



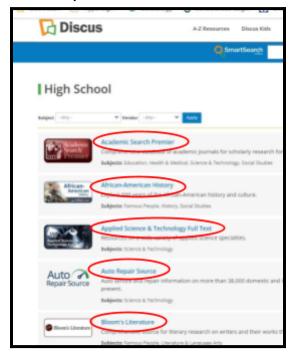
4. Click 'By Grade Level'



5. Click 'High School'



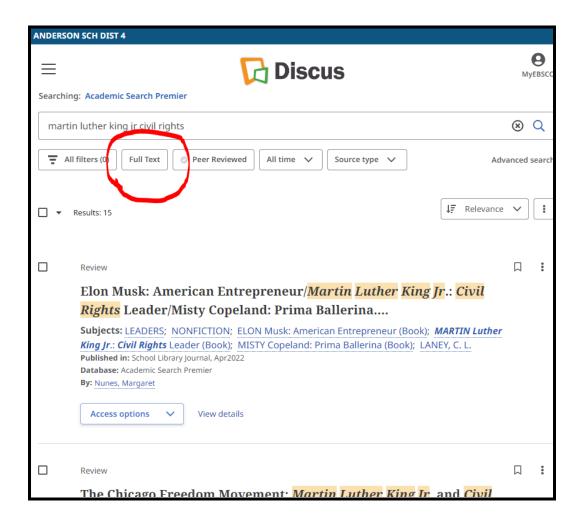
6. Choose any of the databases listed. Academic Search Premier is a great general database. I usually recommend students start with that database. It is great if you are trying to find or refine a topic. Some of the other databases are more specific.



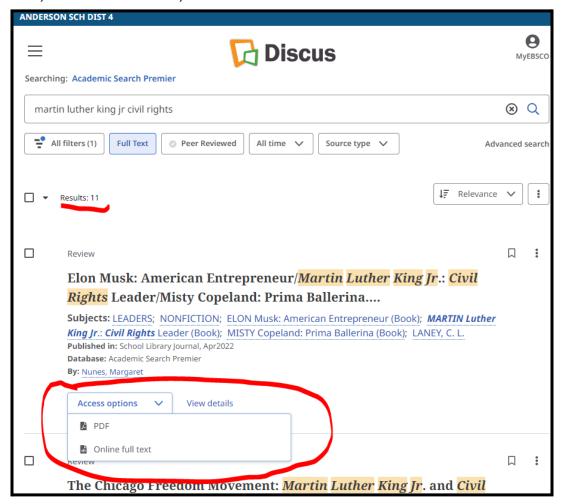
7. Search for a topic.



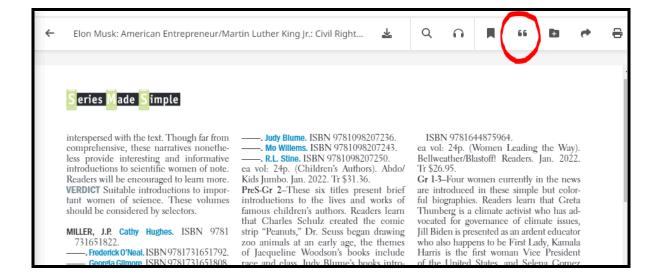
- a. Be specific with search terms.
- b. Think of synonyms or academic language that may be associated with what you are searching for.
- c. Try using the "Advanced search' option.
- 8. To ensure you are only looking at complete articles, click the 'full text' box.



9. Once you have decided on an article, click the hyperlinked article title, HTML full Text, or PDF Full Text to view the article.



- a. The 'PDF' option will display the article as it was originally published. This means it is essentially a Xerox copy of the magazine, newspaper, or journal the article originally appeared in. Therefore, there may be text features, advertisements, or other non-relevant information displayed on the page.
- b. The 'Online full text' option will only display the text of the article listed. There is an audio playback option built into this format.
- 10. Read the article to assess if it has value for your paper.
- 11. In the top right of the article, you will see a citation option ("). It looks like a quotation mark. Choose this icon to generate a citation.



## 12. Choose the MLA Citation for your Works Cited page.

## \*\*\*\*Note\*\*\*\*

Each database in Discus may be set up slightly differently. However, they function very similarly. The big thing to look for regardless of individual database differences are:

- Search using specific search terms
- Mark the 'Full Text' option to see only full articles. This avoids displaying less useful database entries, like summaries of articles and abstracts of research studies.
- All Discus entries will cite the source for you. Look for the quotation mark icon (seen in step 11) or something similar.
- Make sure you choose MLA if your teacher is requiring you to cite your sources using that format.

Contact your teacher or librarian for the at home Discus username and password.