

Quick Search Tips:

- **More Search Terms = Fewer Results:**
Start with a simple search, and add search terms to focus your results.
 - **Search with just the important words (keywords), don't use sentences:**
Example: Heaven's Gate **AND** brainwashing; instead of 'did heaven's gate engage in brainwashing?'
 - **Quotation Marks** - Use quotation marks to tell the computer to keep the words together:
Example: "Worldwide Church of God" "Troubled Teen Industry"
 - **Too many search results?** Combine keywords using the word **AND** to narrow your results to more specific aspects of your topic:
Example: cults **AND** isolation **AND** family; Heaven's Gate **AND** brainwashing
 - **Not enough search results?** Combine similar keywords using the word **OR** to broaden your search results
Example: unification church **OR** unificationists **OR** moonies; cults **AND** (brainwashing **OR** psychological manipulation)
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Use OneSearch to find Books, eBooks, & Articles:

MPC OneSearch

- *Use the drop-down to search different parts of the MPC Library Collection*
 - *Search "Everything" to do a broad search across the MPC Library's resources.*
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MPC Library Databases:

Start at the MPC library website (www.mpc.edu/library). Click on **Databases** in the left navigation area or under "Quick Links".

Academic Search Complete

- *Magazine & scholarly journal articles on a wide range of topics*
- *"Natural language search" allows more flexible searching,*
- *Search within the full text of articles to get more results*

America's News

- *Newspapers and other news sources from throughout the United States*
- *Excellent place to find reporting on local issues, find stories about how cults have affected specific locations*

JSTOR

- *Scholarly journal articles in the humanities and social sciences*

SocINDEX with Full Text

- *Comprehensive collection of sociology research. Includes academic journals, books, and reports.*

US Major Dailies

- *Up to date full-text of the New York Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, Los Angeles Times, and Chicago Tribune*
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Database Activity

Academic Search Complete OR SocINDEX with Full Text:

1. Do a search for your topic (use Branch Davidians if you have not yet decided on one).
 - a. How many Search Results did you get (if you get zero turn on “Also search within the full text of the articles -see the online guide for directions)?
 - b. What type of search results did you get?
2. Find a full text article on your topic. How do you know it is full text? Find how to get a citation for the article.
3. Turn on “Natural language search” and ask the database a question on your topic. How many results did you get? Did you think the results were relevant?

OneSearch:

1. Do a search for your topic (use cults AND psychology if you have not yet decided on one). What types of search results do you get?
2. Find two ways to limit your search results.
3. Limit your search results to just books & find one book related to the topic (do a search for just ‘cults’ if nothing comes up). If it’s an ebook, find how to access it; if it’s a print book, find how to request it.

JSTOR:

1. Do a search for your topic (use cults AND brainwashing if you have not yet decided on one). What types of search results do you get?
2. Narrow your results to just the last 10 years. How many results do you have now?
3. Find a full text article. How can you read it? Print it? Find how to get a citation for the article.