Library Basic Information

Introduction to Basic Searching

and

Vietnam: The Siege of Khe Sanh

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Famous Films ✤ Vietnam War

- *Platoon*
- *Born on the Fourth of July*
- *Full Metal Jacket*
- *Rescue Dawn*
- *Apocalypse Now*
- *The Deer Hunter*
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- **Library Hours** - found on [library home page](#).

- **About the Library - Frequently Asked Questions**

- **Logging in to computers** - instructions on workstations in the library lab.

- **Books** - check out time is 2 weeks. Student ID required to check out materials.

- **Reference Books** - cannot be checked out.

- **Reserve Books** - can be viewed for 2 hours in the library and cannot be checked out.

- **Periodicals** - print magazines & journals 2 day checkout. Databases are free for students - contain many full-text articles.
Today We Will Review...

- Identifying a research topic.
- Formulating a thesis statement.
- Using the library catalog and databases.
- Identifying key concepts and developing a search strategy.
- Locating and retrieving information relevant to your thesis using the library catalog and databases.
- How to cite your sources in MLA, APA or Chicago style.
Research Proposal List

- Focus on your Proposal Requirements
- Four (4) Different Source Types
  a) One LAHC database
  b) One credible website
  c) One film documentary or news report
  d) One Vietnamese perspective
- Research Paper Length – 600 to 800 pages
- Works Cited – not included in page length
- MLA format
- Due Date
**Thesis**

- States a clear position or opinion.
- The central idea or focus of your paper.
- It tells the reader what you will discuss.
  You can combine topics.

**Examples:**

(Khe Sanh and military strategy)
(North Vietnamese soldiers and Khe Sanh)
(Effects on soldiers who fought at Khe Sanh).
How and Where do you Locate and Retrieve Information?

- Don’t rely on Google or Wikipedia. No control – anyone can post anything.
- You want reliable and trusted information. Use academic sources.
- Google Scholar is fine but as students - you now have access to much more!
Welcome to the Big Leagues!

You are no longer in High School. You are now college students. So let’s learn to use and master the tools you need for success!
Reliable Sources

Use the LAHC website

- Library catalog for printed sources.
- Databases for electronic sources.
- Use books, e-books, journals, magazines, newspapers and websites as sources.

**Important**: e-books & e-journals are valid & encouraged for use in your research papers.

**Their benefit**: they are current publications & you can access & download them online.
Let’s start with the Library Catalog – used for printed materials including: books, journals and Dvd’s.

Important: Search strategy **

Search terms **

Examples:
Japan / Japanese / Japanese internment
Library Catalog

Los Angeles Community College District Library Catalog

Search/Home Reserve Desk My Account

Go Back Help Logout

Catalog  Keyword  Browse

Search for Japan - Japanese - Japanese internment

library: Los Angeles Harbor College Library

words or phrase author title subject series

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Let’s explore the library databases – used for **electronic resources** including:

- **e-books**, **journals**, **magazines**, **newspapers** and **more**.

- Have a search strategy **

- Try different search terms **

- Let’s start with e-books.
# E-book Collections

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E-book Collections

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Use Cite Tool for APA, MLA or Chicago style.
Additional Databases

- Let’s explore additional library databases – these electronic resources include: journals, magazines, newspapers and more.
- Have a search strategy **
- Try different search terms **
- Let’s explore several electronic databases you will use.
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LAHC Databases Examples

ProQuest Historical Newspapers
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Tools To Use

Malintzin's Choices: An Indian Woman in the Conquest of Mexico.

Authors: Kellogg, Susan


Document Type: Book Review

Subjects: MALINTZIN'S CHOICES: An Indian Woman in the Conquest of Mexico (Book)
BOOKS - Reviews
TOWNSEND, Camilla
INDIAN women
NONFICTION

Abstract: The article reviews the book "Malintzin's Choices: An Indian Woman in the Conquest of Mexico," by Camilla Townsend.

Lexile: 1460

Click on either format to read full article

Use the Cite Tool for MLA, APA, or Chicago Style

Read the Abstract for a summary of article
Primary Sources

- What are primary sources?
- There are several ways to locate primary sources in both the library catalog and in the library databases.
  - One way: use key words in the search terms.
  - Another way: use built-in database tools.
- Let’s look at some examples.
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Primary Sources

Library Catalog Examples

Key Words: Narratives - examples:
“war narratives” - or - “Mexico narratives”

Library Databases Examples

1. Primary Sources Tab – (click tab) – Civil War
2. Government (home page) – Abraham Lincoln
3. Browse Topics – Ancient Greece
4. Opposing Viewpoints – Browse – Iraq Wars
Some databases have Built-In Primary Source Tools. First click on the tab, type your term(s), then enter.

Also view Primary Sources in section below when available.
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LAHC Recommended Websites

Examples

1) .edu - education
2) .org - organization
3) .gov - government

INFOMINE
Scholarly Internet Resource Collections

HISTORY MATTERS
The U.S. Survey Course on the Web

HNN History News Network
MLA, APA, and Chicago Style

- For the document, in-text citations, and Works Cited page.
- **Writing & Research**
  Citation Guides - MLA, APA, & Chicago
  a) check samples
  b) Owl
  c) Hacker Handbooks
MLA, APA, and Chicago Style

- **Citation Guides**
  - Chicago Style
    - Notes/bibliography examples
    - Citing Library Databases
  - MLA
    - Owl
    - MLA Style Samples
    - Citing Articles from Library Sources in MLA style
    - Guide to Writing Research Papers in the MLA Style
    - Sample paper (Hacker Handbooks)
  - APA
    - APA Style Samples
  - General
    - Style Guides for MLA, APA, etc.
    - Citing from the Gale Literacy Criticism Series
    - Diana Hacker Research and Documentation

- **Citation Tools**
  - KnightCite Citation Machine
  - Use Citation Tools to manually cite items for your Works Cited page.

Click on each style for directions to make a Works Cited page, page layout and how to use quotes.

Also view sample Research papers.
Citation Tools

- Use **auto built-in cite tools** (previously shown)
  examples:
  - Ebsco / CQ Researcher
  - Opposing Viewpoints

- Use **manual citation tools**
  - Writing & Research
    - Knightcite *
    - Citation Machine *
Focus on your To Do List

1. Know the specific requirements of your paper.
2. Know your Due Dates.
3. How many pages required? Double-spaced?
4. Is MLA, APA or Chicago style required?
5. Works Cited page - how many sources? How many library database sources?
6. Are rough drafts required?
7. Use the built-in Spell Check in Office !!!
8. If you have questions - ask your instructor.
Need Help

- Ask and inquire, write down questions
- Clarify with your Instructor – in class, before or after or by email
- [Ask-A-Librarian](#) (24/7 chat online)
- Come to the Learning Resource Center
- Speak with any librarian
- We are all here to help you Succeed!
Closing Thoughts

- Begin your research early.
- Last minute work creates stress which often results in poor grades & low quality work.
- Your goal is to learn to locate sources, organize your thoughts & write clear, concise papers.
- Well-written research papers help you advance your college careers and even influence your future success in the job market.
- The time, effort & hard work you put in now... will reap benefits for you in the future.