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**Research Guide for English 101W: *Extraordinary Bodies***

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Online (1995 to present)

A compendium of statistics on a wide variety of subjects. Particularly useful for its source notes, which will direct to statistical publications that contain additional information. Also useful for retrospective information; the Library has a long run of this title, so you can consult tables in earlier volumes if you need to chart historical trends.

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# Tools for Finding Books

## Library Catalog

Includes information about books, government documents, journals, magazines, and newspapers in the Library.

*Note:* To locate appropriate Library of Congress Subject Headings, start with a keyword search and then browse records.

Relevant subject headings include:

- Blind
- Children with Disabilities
- Deaf
- Developmental Disabilities
- Disability Studies
- Disabilities
- Discrimination against People with Disabilities
- Hearing Impaired
- Learning Disabilities
- Mentally Handicapped
- People with Disabilities
- People with Mental Disabilities
- Sociology of Disability

To locate works about a person, do a subject search for the person's name (last name first).

To locate bibliographies on a person or topic, do a keyword search and add the following: su bibliography.

### **Search Syntax**

*Truncation:* use a dollar sign \$.

*Phrase Searching:* use double quotation marks "".

*Wildcard:* use a question mark ?.

## WorldCat

Indexes books, periodicals, and other materials held by libraries around the world.

Search *WorldCat* to identify additional books on your topic and then order the books on [interlibrary loan](#).

*Note:* It can be helpful to identify relevant Library of Congress Subject Headings in the Library Catalog first; you can then do a subject search in *WorldCat* to find additional items with these subject headings.

### **Search Syntax:**

*Truncation:* use an asterisk \*.

*Phrase Searching:* insert a "w" between the words in a phrase (for example, "cold w war").

*Wildcard:* use a question mark ?.

# Tools for Finding Articles

## Starting Points Databases

*Note:* Some “Starting Points” databases index scholarly articles; some don’t. Be sure to read the database descriptions and select databases that index the types of information sources you need.

- [Academic Search Premier](#)  
(1975 to present) Indexes popular and scholarly articles in a broad range of subject areas; also includes citations to book reviews and citations to articles in several national newspapers.  
**Search Syntax**  
*Truncation:* use an asterisk \*.  
*Phrase Searching:* use double quotation marks “ ”.  
*Wildcard:* use a question mark ?.
- [LexisNexis Academic](#)  
(Approx. 1980 to present) Includes the full text of articles from local, national, and international newspapers, magazines, and trade journals as well as the text of newswires, patents, legal documents, and transcripts of radio and television broadcasts.  
**Search Syntax**  
*Truncation:* use an exclamation point !.  
*Phrase Searching:* use double quotation marks “ ”.  
*Wildcard:* use an asterisk \*.
- [OmniFile Full Text Mega](#)  
(1982 to present) Indexes articles from over 3,000 scholarly and popular periodicals in the humanities, social sciences, and sciences; also includes the full text of selected articles from over 1,650 of these periodicals.  
**Search Syntax**  
*Truncation:* unnecessary when using “All-Smart Search”; otherwise, use an asterisk \*.  
*Phrase Searching:* use double quotation marks “ ”.  
*Wildcard:* do not use with “All-Smart Search”; otherwise, use a question mark ?.
- [Readers’ Guide Abstracts](#)  
(1890 to present) Indexes articles in popular periodicals; also includes citations to book and film reviews.  
**Search Syntax**  
*Truncation:* unnecessary when using “All-Smart Search”; otherwise, use an asterisk \*.  
*Phrase Searching:* use double quotation marks “ ”.  
*Wildcard:* do not use with “All-Smart Search”; otherwise, use a question mark ?.
- [Westlaw Campus Research](#)  
Contains full text news articles and legal materials. The “News & Information” section includes articles from magazines, national and international newspapers, and business, professional, and trade journals as well as newswires, newsletters, and transcripts of television broadcasts.  
**Note:** you will need to accept the terms of the Westlaw “Agreement” before you can search *Westlaw Campus Research*.

**To find legal materials:**

Click on the "Law" tab in the upper left-hand corner of the screen.

**Search Syntax** (for "Terms and Connectors" searches)

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*Phrase Searching:* use double quotation marks "".

*Wildcard:* use an asterisk \*.

**Other Databases**

- [\*America: History and Life & Historical Abstracts\*](#)  
(Time period covered: 1450 to present [world history]; prehistory to present [U.S. and Canadian history]. Publication coverage: 1954 to present). Indexes journal articles, book chapters, doctoral dissertations, and book reviews. (Each database can also be searched separately.)  
**Search Syntax**  
*Truncation:* use an asterisk \*.  
*Phrase Searching:* use double quotation marks "".  
*Wildcard:* use a question mark ?.
- [\*Applied Science & Technology Abstracts\*](#)  
(1984 to present) Indexes articles in over 600 periodicals in a wide variety of applied science and technology fields.  
*Truncation:* unnecessary when using "All-Smart Search"; otherwise, use an asterisk \*.  
*Phrase Searching:* use double quotation marks "".  
*Wildcard:* do not use with "All-Smart Search"; otherwise, use a question mark ?.
- [\*Contemporary Women's Issues\*](#)  
(1992 to present) Indexes popular articles, scholarly articles, books, newsletters, and reports on all aspects of women's studies, including gender, sociology, education, political science, and health.  
**Search Syntax**  
*Truncation:* automatic.  
*Phrase Searching:* automatic.
- [\*Education Abstracts\*](#)  
(1983 to present) Indexes articles from over 500 English-language education periodicals, books, and yearbooks; covers a wide variety of education-related topics.  
**Search Syntax**  
*Truncation:* unnecessary when using "All-Smart Search"; otherwise, use an asterisk \*.  
*Phrase Searching:* use double quotation marks "".  
*Wildcard:* do not use with "All-Smart Search"; otherwise, use a question mark ?.
- [\*Essay & General Literature Index\*](#)  
(1900 to present) Indexes essays published in books and edited collections. Covers the fields of art, economics, education, history, law, linguistics, literature, music, philosophy, political science, and religion, among others. Particularly strong in the humanities and social sciences.  
**Search Syntax**  
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- [General Science Abstracts](#)  
 (1984 to present) Indexes articles in over 250 English-language periodicals in a variety of science disciplines, including physics, astronomy, biology, chemistry, environmental science, mathematics, and medicine.  
**Search Syntax**  
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*Phrase Searching:* use double quotation marks "".  
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- [Humanities Abstracts](#)  
 (1907 to present) Indexes articles in over 500 English-language journals in the fields of archaeology, art, classics, communication, film, folklore, history, languages and literatures, music, philosophy, religion, and theatre. Also includes citations for book, theatre, and film reviews as well as interviews, obituaries, and some original creative works. Includes the full text of selected articles from 1995 to the present.  
*Truncation:* unnecessary when using "All-Smart Search"; otherwise, use an asterisk \*.  
*Phrase Searching:* use double quotation marks "".  
*Wildcard:* do not use with "All-Smart Search"; otherwise, use a question mark ?.
- [JSTOR](#)  
 Includes pdf copies of scholarly articles from a core collection of journals; also includes book review. *Note: JSTOR* does not contain articles from the most recent 3-5 years.  
**Search Syntax**  
*Truncation:* use a plus sign +.  
*Phrase Searching:* automatic.
- [PAIS International](#)  
 (1915 to present) Indexes journal articles, books, government documents, and conference papers in political science, public affairs, and economics.  
*Truncation:* use an asterisk \*.  
*Phrase Searching:* use double quotation marks "".  
*Wildcard:* use a question mark ?.
- [Project Muse](#)  
 Includes pdf and HTML copies of journal articles published by university and scholarly presses.  
**Search Syntax**  
*Truncation:* use an asterisk \*.  
*Phrase Searching:* use double quotation marks "".
- [PsycINFO](#)  
 (1887 to present) Contains citations and summaries of journal articles, book chapters, books, and technical reports, as well as citations to dissertations, all in the field of psychology and related disciplines.  
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- [\*Social Services Abstracts\*](#)  
(1980 to present) Covers the fields of social work and human services, including social welfare, social policy, and community development. Includes citations and abstracts for articles in over 1,4000 periodicals; also indexes dissertations and book reviews.  
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*Truncation:* use an asterisk \*.  
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- [\*Sociological Abstracts\*](#)  
(1963 to present) Indexes journal articles in sociology and related fields, including anthropology, economics, education, philosophy, political science, and social psychology.  
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*Phrase Searching:* automatic.  
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- [\*Worldwide Political Science Abstracts\*](#)  
(1975 to present) Indexes articles on a broad array of political science and international relations topics; international in scope.  
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## Tips & Further Help

For additional assistance in the research process, you may wish to see one of the following guides:

- [How to Narrow or Broaden Your Search](#)
- [How to Identify a Scholarly Article](#)
- [How to Find Book Reviews](#)
- [How to Find Film Reviews](#)
- [How to Search the Web: Tools & Tips](#)
- [How to Evaluate Web Resources](#)
- [Research Planner \(pdf document\)](#)
- [Research Log \(pdf document\)](#)