

FINDING A TOPIC:

Opposing Viewpoints in Context

Use this database to identify a topic, to narrow or broaden the scope of your topic, or to identify keywords/terms to use in searching.

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ENCYCLOPEDIAS:

Britannica Online

Grolier Online

Use these online encyclopedias to get a broad understanding of your topic, and to focus the scope of your research.

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BOOKS:

Consult the library's **online catalog** for books on a specific topic. Electronic books are also listed in this catalog.

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WEBSITES:

Librarians' Internet Index

<http://lii.org>

Use this Internet link to identify reputable websites.

LIBRARY RESEARCH TUTORIAL:

UMH-Library offers a research tutorial open to all students with a Moodle account for research help.

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Research Help...Library Tutorials

JOURNAL ARTICLES:

Academic Search Complete *Omnifile Fulltext Mega*

JStor

Newspaper Source Plus

Use these databases to locate articles on your topic in newspapers, magazines, and journals. **HINT:** be sure to limit your search results to full-text.

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BIBLIOGRAPHIC STYLE (APA, MLA, etc.):

Use this resource to help you format your paper and cite your sources properly.

Hacker, Diana.

A Pocket Style Manual. 5th Ed. REF 808.042 HAC

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BOOK A LIBRARIAN:

Use this service to work one-on-one with the librarian in researching your topic. Sign up at the Library front desk for a one hour session.

Phone: 444-2743

library@umh.umt.edu

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CHAT WITH A LIBRARIAN:

Need help with your research? Chat with UMH-Library on our Web site during regular library hours.

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WORKSHEET

CONCEPTS & SEARCH TERMS:

Example:

	<i>Search term</i>		<i>Search term</i>		<i>Search term</i>
1st CONCEPT	<i>"capital punishment"</i>	OR	<i>"death penalty"</i>	OR	<i>execution</i>
2nd CONCEPT	<i>deters</i>	OR	<i>deterrent</i>	OR	<i>reduces reduction</i>
3rd CONCEPT	<i>crime</i>	OR	<i>murder</i>	OR	<i>homicide</i>

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1st CONCEPT		OR		OR	
2nd CONCEPT		OR		OR	
3rd CONCEPT		OR		OR	

SEARCH TECHNIQUES:

Use " " to search for phrases: "capital punishment"

Use Boolean operators:

Not enough results?	Use OR	crime OR murder OR homicide	Includes ANY of the terms and brings back more results
Too many results?	Use AND	"capital punishment" AND reduces AND crime	Includes ALL terms and focuses a search, brings back fewer results
Want to eliminate a term?	Use NOT	"capital punishment" NOT prison	Removes and results that have a specific term

Need more focused results? Try searching for a keyword in the title field:

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Helpful Hints:

- Limit results to **full-text**
- Select PDF format over html format
- Choose to view academic journals
- Use folders to save articles