Researching using EBSCO Databases

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- **EBSCOhost- Search All Database**s is the best place to start for most research. You might also frequently use Points of View, Literary Reference Center, History Reference Center, EBSCO ebooks, and more. *This will depend on your assignment and the subject matter of your research.*

- Set Limiters to narrow your search: On the left side, click FULL TEXT, change publication years for current research, choose type of publication such as peer reviewed or Academic Journals, etc. (This might change based on the needs of the assignment).

  Always remember to click FULL TEXT. If you don't, you will have many results that are only "detailed records", meaning there isn't an actual article to use.

- Use Boolean Operators when necessary, such as "and" & "or". For example, if your topic is mental illness and you want to narrow your search to **only** articles that mention the stigma of it, then search "mental illness and stigma".

   AND- narrows your results "great gatsby and prohibition" --only articles that mention <u>both</u> will be displayed. *You will use this the most often.*

   OR- increases your results. "great gatsby or fitzgerald" --any articles that mention either one will be displayed

- Unlike what you are used to doing in Google, **Do NOT search using a long sentence or research question. This will skew your results.** Instead, use <u>key words</u> that relate to your topic. Change the order of the words to yield different results.

    Example: **Do not type:** "Is there racism in the book To Kill a Mockingbird?"

    Do type: "to kill a mockingbird and racism"

- **<u>Save articles for later</u>**: onto Onedrive, flash drive, email to yourself. If you don't save the article, it might be difficult to find in a search again later.

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