Finding Articles Using Online Databases

To access databases, go to www.ccsf.edu/library, Articles & Databases. From off-campus, you will have to enter your CCSF ID card barcode.

Choosing database(s) to search

**Articles & Databases**
- Find articles from newspapers, journals, and magazines by searching the databases. Some databases include encyclopedias, books, multimedia and other sources.
- **All-Subject, Multi-Database Searches**
  - EBSCOhost - Search more than 28 multi-disciplinary databases all at once
  - Gale Powersearch - Search more than 19 multi-disciplinary databases all at once

**Search all of our databases from the companies Gale or EBSCO at one time**

**Find selected databases chosen for specific subjects**

**Databases by Topic**
- Art & Philosophy
- Business & Law
- Current Topics & News
- Education & Social Sciences
- Literature
- People & Places
- Science & Health

**A-Z List of Databases**
- Browse all of our databases from A-Z

Starting a search in EBSCO

**Click here to change the database(s) you search**

**Choose how you search for each concept here. You can search by keyword (Select a Field), Author, Subject, and more.**

**Enter your search terms in these boxes**

**Scroll down the screen to see options to limit your search, like by date, type of article, and more.**

**IMPORTANT TERMS**

**Periodicals** are publications that come out on a regular basis, like magazines, journals, newspapers, newsletters, and more. You can find them in print, online and in microform, which is film with tiny copies of periodical pages on them, which you view with a special machine.

**Databases** are collections of information organized to make it easy to group and find things in different ways. **EBSCO** and **Gale** are two companies who make article databases that CCSF subscribes to. These companies collect and organize articles and other materials to include in the databases and add special features to help make finding and using information effective and efficient.
Reading Periodical Database Screens

Sample of a BRIEF CITATION from a GALE database

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Sample of the FULL DISPLAY of an article in a Gale database

The full display shows the article text as well as features that make it easy to find more information and manage what you find.

In this column you can search within the publication that contains the article. There are also related subjects that can lead you to more useful information.

The center of the page shows the article.

This column has options to view, print, and email the article. The citation tools create a citation for the article in the format you choose.

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A *citation* is the information you need to identify and find a work. For a periodical article, it includes the author, article title, periodical title, date, page number, and sometimes volume and issue numbers. For online articles, it may also include a database name or website.