Research Challenge Help Manual

Use this guide for extra help in completing your quests.

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QUEST 1 Help Manual

Building background information and keyword vocabulary

Q: Why do I need to gather background information?

A: Background information is needed to get a basic understanding of your topic. Interested in "alternative energy," but don't know much about it? General information sources provide a short overview of the topic so you can gain the basic knowledge to ask better research questions and dig deeper in your research.

Q: How can I find background information?

A: Use the encyclopedias available through the UHWO Library website: westoahu.hawaii.edu/library > Research menu > Online Databases > (1)Credo Reference or (2) Encyclopaedia Brittanica. Alternatively, you may find useful background information via a regular Google search.

Q: How do I extract keywords or phrases from an article?

A: As you read through the article, look for keywords that you think may help you find more information on your topic. In particular, look for synonyms or related words. If one of your keywords is "college," for example, some keywords might be "higher education" or "young adult." Keywords are usually nouns (things, people, places). Here's an example:

Topic: Obesity

Keywords or phrases

- 1. World Health Organization
- 2. Body mass index
- 3. BMI
- 4. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- 5. Nutrition information on menus
- 6. Tax fattening foods
- 7. epidemic
- 8. Obesity and diabetes
- 9. Obesity and lung disease
- 10. Low-cost, fattening fast food ~

The World Health Organization (WHO) uses a formula called body mass index, or BMI, to calculate whether a person is overweight. The BMI formula divides a person's weight by his or her height in inches squared.

Since 1998, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has considered being overweight as having a BMI rating of 25 or above, and being obese as having a rating of 30 or above. Under the CDC definition, an adult man who is 5° 8" tall would be considered overweight if he weighed 165 pounds or more. He would be considered obese at or above 197 pounds.

Obesity among U.S. adults has increased greatly over the past few decades. In response, initiatives have been undertaken at various levels of government to try to control weight gain. Those include proposals to ban certain kinds of fats in foods, to require restaurants to list nutrition information on menus, and to tax fattening foods. [See 2004 <u>Update: Obesity]</u>

Other proposals have been aimed at children and adolescents. Although, technically, the category of obesity does not exist for people in those groups, they have been getting heavier too. In many states, there are restrictions on what types of food can be sold in schools, while a smaller number of schools calculate and record the BMI of students and report it to parents. And proponents of antiobesity measures have called for restrictions on fast-food and junk-food advertising aimed at children.

Those who support such efforts say that obesity in the U.S. has reached epidemic proportions, and that drastic steps must be taken to counter that trend. They point out that obesity has been linked to heart and lung disease and diabetes, along with other ailments, and drains public-health resources. And efforts are required simply to level the playing field, they assert, the widespread popularity of unhealthy food is partly the result of both government subsidies to particular crops and the vast marketing resources of food manufacturers. Supporters also call for greater availability of healthy foods in schools, arguing that the proliferation of junk food in schools contradicts the idea of schools promoting good nutrition.

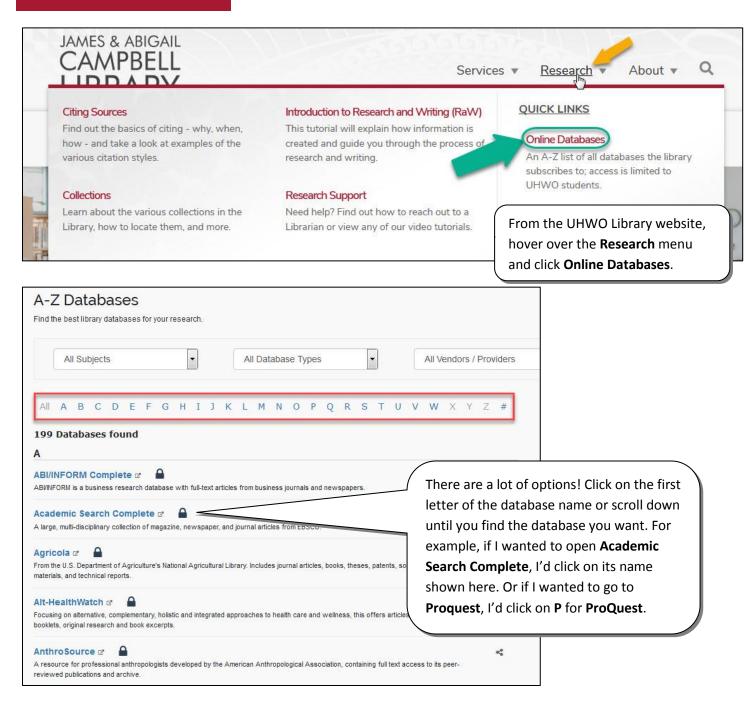
Critics of the initiatives, on the other hand, say that the obesity crisis has been exaggerated due to the efforts of the diet industry and an obsession with thinness in the U.S. Eating is a personal matter and should not be subject to government intervention, they contend. It is possible to be overweight and healthy if a person is physically active, they say, and BMI ratings often classify people as overweight even when they are large but fit. Furthermore, critics charge, most of the movement against obesity reflects a condemnation of the lifestyles of poor people and minorities, who tend to eat more low-cost, fattening fast food.

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Finding articles in library databases

The James & Abigail Campbell Library at UHWO pays for access to many useful databases that contain journal, magazine, and newspaper articles. Recommended **databases** appropriate for this course include **Academic Search Complete** and **ProQuest**. Whenever doing research, you'll want to start at the Library's website: westoahu.hawaii.edu/library.

Getting to the Databases



QUICKLINKS: Academic Search Complete, Proquest.

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Finding articles in library databases

When using a database, enter your keywords into the search bar. On the result page, look for the various ways that you can filter your results. This will help you tremendously.



This is an example, from Academic Search Complete. If you click on "Choose Databases" above the first search bar, you can expand your search to other collections hosted by EBSCO. Note that each search bar is connected to one another with AND.

Source Types

All Results

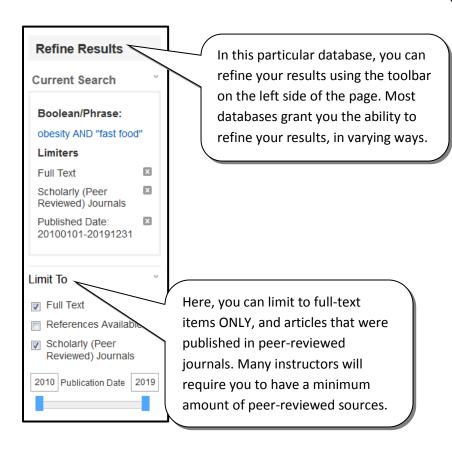
Magazines (230)

Newspapers (170)

Academic Journals (850)

Trade Publications (39)

That's a Boolean Operator!



Book Reviews (4)
Show More

Subject: Thesaurus
Term

Subject

Publication

Publisher

Company

Language

Geography

NAICS/Industry

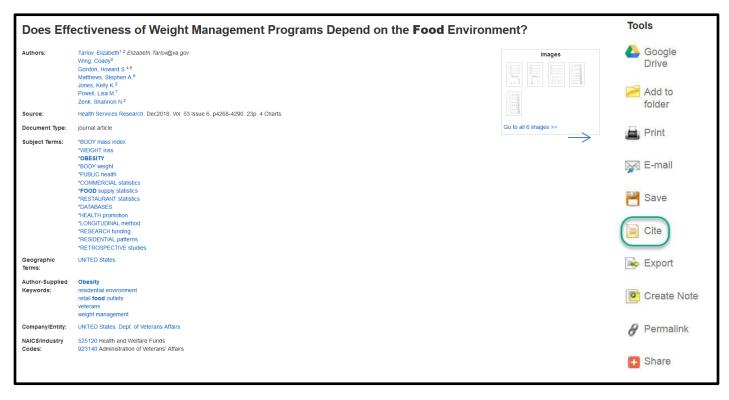
These are some of the other filter options in Academic Search Complete. You don't have to use these, but know that they're here as an option!

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Citing articles from library databases

Most databases provide you with computer-generated citations, which you can email to yourself or copy/paste into a document. It's important that you double-check them, though, as there may be some errors to correct.

Fixing Citations from Research Databases



References
(American Psychological Assoc.)

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There are some errors in the computer-generated citation!

X Before Correcting	Tarlov, E., Wing, C., Gordon, H. S., Matthews, S. A., Jones, K. K., Powell, L. M., & Zenk, S. N. (2018). Does Effectiveness of Weight Management Programs Depend on the Food Environment? <i>Health Services Research</i> , <i>53</i> (6), 4268–4290. https://doiorg.libproxy.westoahu.hawaii.edu/10.1111/1475-6773.13043
After Correcting (caps and formatting)	Tarlov, E., Wing, C., Gordon, H. S., Matthews, S. A., Jones, K. K., Powell, L. M., & Zenk, S. N. (2018). Does effectiveness of weight management programs depend on the food environment? <i>Health Services Research</i> , <i>53</i> (6), 4268–4290. https://doi-org.libproxy.westoahu.hawaii.edu/10.1111/1475-6773.13043

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The CRAAP Test

Are your sources crappy or not? You'll use this test for Quests 2, 3, and 4 to evaluate your sources. Using this scoring sheet, write your scores on your task sheets.

24 points possible. Need at least 18 points (75%) to pass.

Currency [6 points total]	1. [0 points] My topic requires information that is less than:
	a. 1 year old
	b. 5 years old
	c. 10 years old
	d. No date limit/doesn't matter
	2. [6 points] What year was the information published, posted, or last updated?
	a. If answer fits criteria from question 1 = 6 points
	b. If can't tell = 0 points
	1. How many usable quotes did you find?
	a. I found three quotes that I could use in my presentation or handout= 3 points
Delevenee	b. I found two quotes that I could use in my presentation or handout = 1.5 points
Relevance	c. There were no usable quotes = 0 points
[9 points total]	2. Do you think you could explain the information in this source to someone else?
	a. I can explain the whole thing = 6 points
	b. I can explain half of the source = 3 points
	c. I only understand certain sentences = 0 points
	1. The author/publisher/source/sponsor of this information is:
Authority	a. A real person(s) (first and last name) = 3 points
[3 points total]	b. A real organization (government, business, institution) = 3 points
	c. Username or pseudonym = 0 points
	d. Can't tell = 0 points
Accuracy	1. Does this information have spelling, grammar, or typographical errors?
[3 points total]	a. Yes = 0 points
	b. No = 3 points
	1. The main purpose of this information is to:
	a. Provide facts or teach something = 2 points
Purpose	b. Sell something = 0 points
[3 points total]	c. Provide entertainment = 0 points
	2. Does the author make the intention or purpose of this information clear?
	a. Yes = 1 point
	b. No = 0 points

How to write a summary

Write your summaries on the task sheets for Quests 2, 3, and 4.

Your summary should include the following:

- 1. 2-3 sentences that explain the main points of what you're trying to summarize
- 2. 1-2 sentences that explain the reliability of the source to your topic
- 3. 1-2 sentences that explain how you might use the source

Example

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Burke argues that humans communicate using symbols. He expands on this concept by categorizing the different types of symbols.

Burke is an important figure in rhetoric studies and is often cited as a pivotal figure in the study of language use.

(I will use) Burke's theories to explain the misunderstandings that occur in everyday conversation.

Other tips:

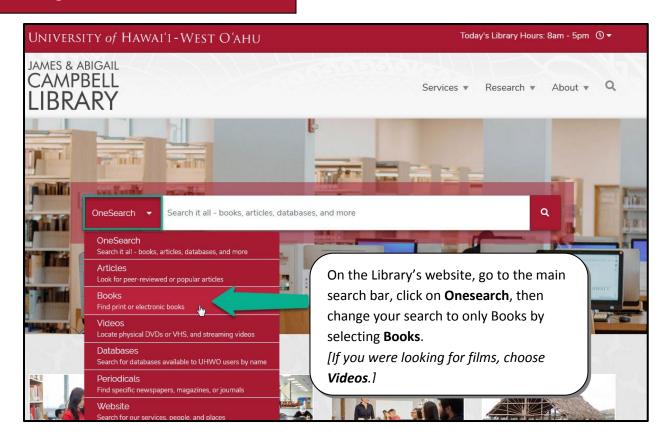
- Don't just cut and paste! You need to use your own words.
- A summary is significantly shorter than the original material, and gives a broad overview.

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Finding a Book/Ebook/Video

You can use Onesearch to find physical books, DVDs, or VHS, that are located in the Library or elsewhere in the UH-System. You have access to most of the materials within the UH-System and can usually request to have it sent to the Library closest to you. This is a service provided to you for FREE. Electronic books (Ebooks) and streaming videos can also be found via Onesearch. Access is determined based upon your campus affiliation, so if you're only taking classes at UHWO, you can't access e-materials if it's only shown as available for UH-Manoa students.

Searching for Books/Ebooks/Videos



Books

obesity

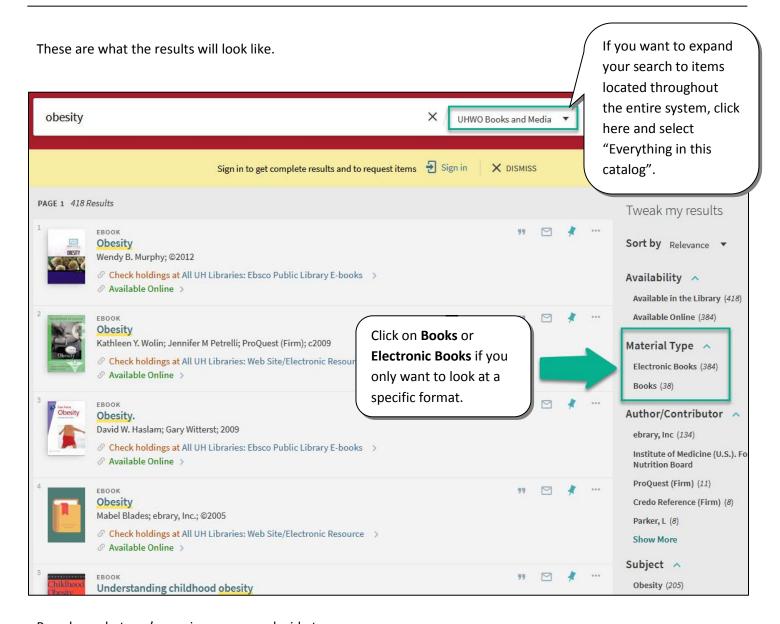
Check to make sure the material the button to the left of the search bar. If it is, type your keyword(s) in the search bar then press Enter.

type you chose is now reflected on

QUICKLINKS: Onesearch.

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Finding a Book/Ebook/Video



Based on what you're seeing, you may decide to:

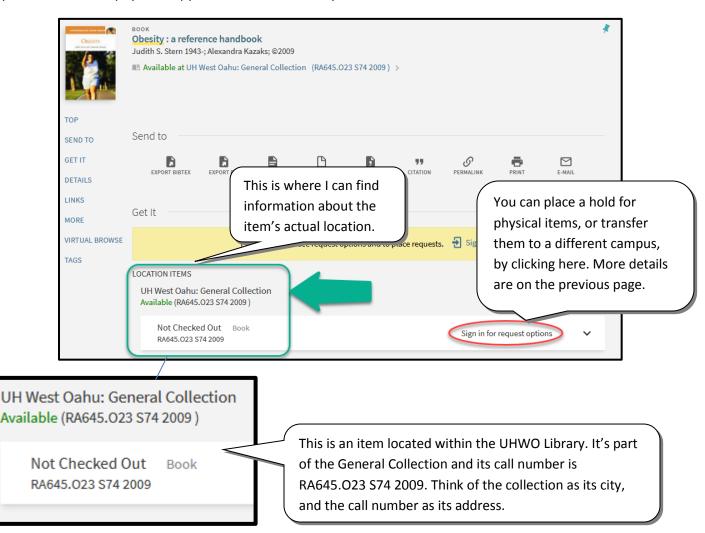
- 1. Add additional keywords
- 2. Filter by "Material Type." For this particular search:
 - a. If you only want physical books, click on Books.
 - b. If you only want to see ebooks, click on **Electronic Books**.
- 3. Expand your search to materials elsewhere in the UH-system. You can request most physical items, regardless of its home institution, be sent to the UH-System Library that's closest to you.
 *Directions: Click on the item you want to request, which will open its full item record. In the "Get It" section, click on Sign-in, then login with your UH credentials. When the options load, click on "Hold" then choose your Pickup Location, and press "Send Request."

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Finding a Book/Ebook/Video

Locating a Physical Item

If you've identified a physical copy of a book or DVD that you'd like to borrow, check its location.



Other Ways to Find Electronic Books or Streaming Videos

If you prefer interacting with individual databases, instead of using <u>Onesearch</u> (a discovery tool), you can also find these materials within:

- <u>Ebook Central</u> [Ebooks]
- EBSCO Business eBook Collection [Ebooks]
- EBSCO eBook Public Library Collection [Ebooks]
- Ethnographic Video Online: Volume III, Indigenous Voices [Streaming Video]
- Films on Demand Environmental Science Video Collection [Streaming Video]
- Films on Demand Humanities & Social Sciences Collection [Streaming Video]
- Films on Demand World Cinema Collections [Streaming Video]

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Citing a Book/Ebook/Video (APA)

Onesearch and all of the databases listed above will automatically generate citations for you. These automatically-generated citations serve as a good starting point, but you should double-check it for accuracy to ensure it aligns with APA standards. Generally speaking, you'll want to follow the guidelines below for each format type.

Print Books

Lastname, A. A. (Year of publication). Title of book: Capital letter also for subtitle. Place of Publication: Publisher.

Example:

Oliver, J. E. (2006). Fat politics: The real story behind America's obesity epidemic. New York: Oxford University Press.

Electronic Books

Lastname, A. A. (Year of publication). Title of book. Place of Publication: Publisher. Retrieved from html address.

Example:

De Huff, E. W. (n.d.). Taytay's tales: Traditional Pueblo Indian tales. Retrieved from

http://digital.library.upenn.edu/women/dehuff/taytay/taytay.html

Streaming Video from a Library Database

Producer, A. (Producer). (Date of publication). Title of video [Streaming video]. Retrieved from database address.

Example:

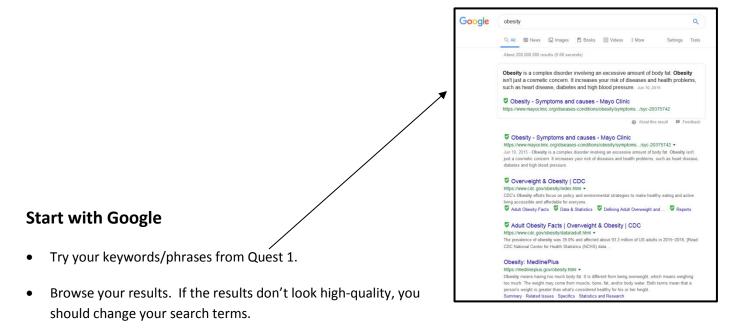
Windfall Films. (Producer). (1995). A big stink: City sewer systems [Streaming video]. Retrieved from

https://fod.infobase.com

^{**}Youtube videos are cited differently, and must include the name of the author, as well as the author's username. Visit Purdue OWL for more information about how to cite Youtube videos.

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Finding a good website



You can limit to certain domains by adding site:.domainname after your search terms. This allows you to search
within general domains (e.g. .gov) or specific domains (e.g. irs.gov). In the example below, I wanted to find what
information was available on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website because I know it's a
credible source.



QUEST 4 Help Manual

Citing Websites (APA)

Format:

Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (Date of publication). Title of document. Retrieved from http://websiteurl

Example:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2018, August 13). Adult obesity facts. Retrieved from

https://www.cdc.gov/obesity/data/adult.html

Remember:

- Indent 0.5" for all lines except the first of each citation. This is called a hanging indent.
- Double space
- Only capitalize the first letter in the first word of the title and subtitle, as well as any proper nouns.
- Arrange each entry in alphabetical order.

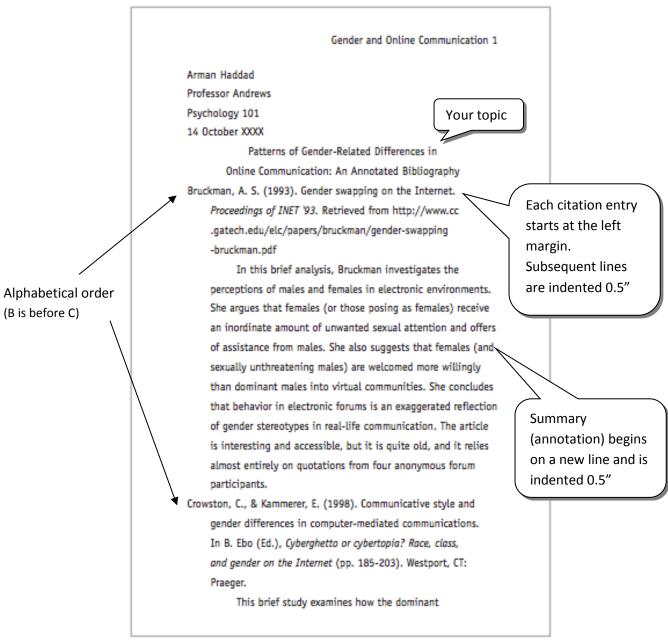
Additional Help:

- Purdue Online Writing Lab
- The UHWO Library's Citation Guide
- APA Style Manual (book available at the No'eau Center or in the UHWO library)
- Ask your instructor or a librarian

Creating a list of your sources (Annotated Bibliography)

Guidelines to follow when typing out your References page:

- 1" margins
- 12 pt. font, Times New Roman
- Double-spaced
- Second line of each citation indented 0.5", annotations are indented 0.5"
- Sources listed in alphabetical order



Marginal annotations indicate APA-style formatting and effective writing.

Source: Diana Hacker (Boston: Bedford/St. Martin's, 2008).

This paper follows the style guidelines in the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*, 6th ed. (2010).