



Library Services

HCP Librarian: Jillian Thomas

READER RESOURCES

For reading passages on a variety of topics at multiple reading levels:

- [ReadTheory](#): Using ReadTheory, students take a placement pre-test and then are assigned articles based on the pre-test. As the students continue to read passages and answer questions, the articles are assigned based on their performance on the questions. Reports include grade-level and Lexile-level performance. (ACE.org)
- [Newsela](#): Allows users to assign leveled reading passages with questions. Paid features include viewing individual progress reports, assigning with instructions, and customizable writing prompts. (ACE.org)
- [CommonLit](#): Free reading passages and other literacy resources. Includes literature and non-fiction for 3-12 grades. Track student progress on reading and writing skills. (ACE.org)
- [Tween Tribune](#): View each article at multiple reading levels. Search by grade level or content area. Students can answer questions and post comments after reading each article. (ACE.org)
- [ReadWorks](#): ReadWorks keeps expanding their offerings and now includes eBooks, StepReads (less complex versions of original article), and ELL collections.
- [Article-A-Day](#), and not only does it incorporate writing practice, it's so fun to see how excited the kids get about learning. (ACE.org)
- [Wonderopolis](#): Provides a "Wonder of the Day," but also allows you to explore wonders. Students can search by subject area and even present their own wonderings. Each article starts with guiding questions and includes definitions for more challenging words. (ACE.org)
- [Goodreads](#) – A social media based website for tracking, monitoring, and sharing what you're reading with others.



PERIODICALS

The following is a list of periodicals that HCP has a subscription to:

- *National Geographic*
- *GQ*
- *Sports Illustrated*
- *People*
- *Food Network*
- *Garden and Country*
- *WIRED*
- *Parenting*
- *Vanity Fair*
- *The Oklahoman Online*



HCP LIBRARY BOOK WISHLIST

Thank you for your interest in donating to the HCP library! I am passionate about offering students a variety of literature and choice. I am also passionate about diversifying and expanding my collection of books to include a wide range of perspectives, cultures, and experiences. As a library which is run on donations, we rely on the generosity of our supporters. Often, Ms. Thomas has a Donor'sChoose project that is active. Check out the HICD Facebook page, as it is often shared there. Ways you can contribute to the library:

- Purchase a title from the [HCP Amazon Wishlist](#)
- Donate a new or gently used copy of one of your favorite Young Adult titles
- Buy a new or gently used copy of any of the titles listed below
- Buy a bookstore gift card
- Donate a monetary gift directly to the Media Center account (this check/cash donation can go directly to Mrs. Judy Luster in the front office).
- Purchase any book off the [2022 Sequoyah Masterlist](#), and [ALA 2022 Award Winners and Nominees](#) or [2022 Readalikes](#)

How to Ship Directly to Me (if that's your preference)

Harding Charter Preparatory High School

Media Center

c/o Jillian Thomas

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Oklahoma City, OK 73131



RESEARCH, THE MEDIA CENTER, SOURCES, AND DATABASES



The HCP Guide

WHAT DOES A LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALIST DO?



SO MUCH MORE THAN 'CHECKING OUT BOOKS!' EVEN THOUGH I LOVE THAT PART OF THE JOB!



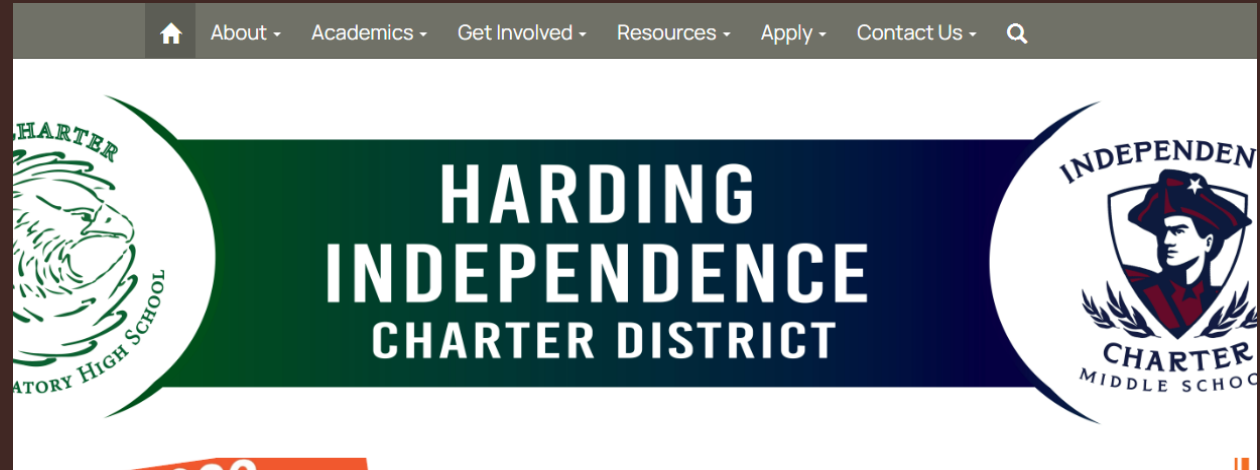
LMS' ARE RESEARCH AND EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY SPECIALISTS.



THEY CAN HELP YOU WITH: FINDING INFORMATION, DETERMINING IF A SOURCE IS CREDIBLE, AND CAN HELP YOU AVOID PLAGIARISM AND PROPERLY CITE YOUR SOURCES!

HICD.org

1. Go to HICD.org
2. Go to the 'Resources' tab.
3. Click HCP Library Services
4. Click Researcher Resources.





EBSCO

Username: hcprep
Password: eagles#23



Harding Charter Preparatory High School / Students / Library and Media Center / Resources for Researchers / Database Access

Database Access

Check out the library's Guide to Electronic Resources by clicking here. This document is also available under "Useful Links" on the main library page. It includes the links and login information you need to access all of our databases, as well as tips on using EBSCOhost. Please visit the links to the Metropolitan Library System (on the left sidebar of this page) for more information about their resources.

About Databases

Databases are collections of electronic information including full-text articles, maps, photos, primary sources, country reports, and more. These databases can be searched by keyword or phrase, much in the same way you would use an internet search engine (like Google or Bing).


The advantage of databases is that the information has been vetted. This means that it has been through a process of review by experts or editors, so most of the information is more reliable than what you might find by using an internet browser.

Harding Charter Prep students and staff have access to several databases through [Oklahoma's Digital Prairie](#). For your research projects, you'll most likely want to use EBSCOhost.

EBSCOhost: <http://search.ebscohost.com/>

USERNAME: hcprep
PASSWORD: eagles#21

- Database Access
- Library Catalog
- Metropolitan Library Resources
- Other Area Libraries
- HCP Media Center Guide to Electronic Resources
- MLA Format and Citations
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**Choose Databases**

To search within a single database, click the database name listed below. To select more than one database to search, check the boxes next to the databases and click *Continue*.

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Libraries

'Selecting all' is okay, but you will glean more condensed results of useful resources by choosing specific databases. These three will be your most commonly used.

☐ **Academic Search Elite**

Academic institutions worldwide depend on this database as their core resource.

Title List

More Information

☐ **MasterFILE Premier**

Designed specifically for public libraries, this multidisciplinary database contains reference books and over 164,400 primary source documents, as well as

Title List

More Information


☐ **MAS Reference eBook Collection**

This ebook reference collection offers a rich selection of eBook titles on emotional health.


More Information

Select Resource


HARDING CHARTER PREP




EBSCOhost Research Databases




Consumer Health Complete




Small Business Reference Center



Elementary Student Research



Middle School Student Research



Public Library Search



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Search

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Search Options

Reset

Search Modes and Expanders

Search modes ?

- ☐ Boolean/Phrase
- ☒ Find all my search terms
- ☐ Find any of my search terms
- ☐ SmartText Searching [Hint](#)

Apply related words



Also search within the full text of the articles



Apply equivalent subjects



Limit your results

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Publication

Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals



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All
Periodical
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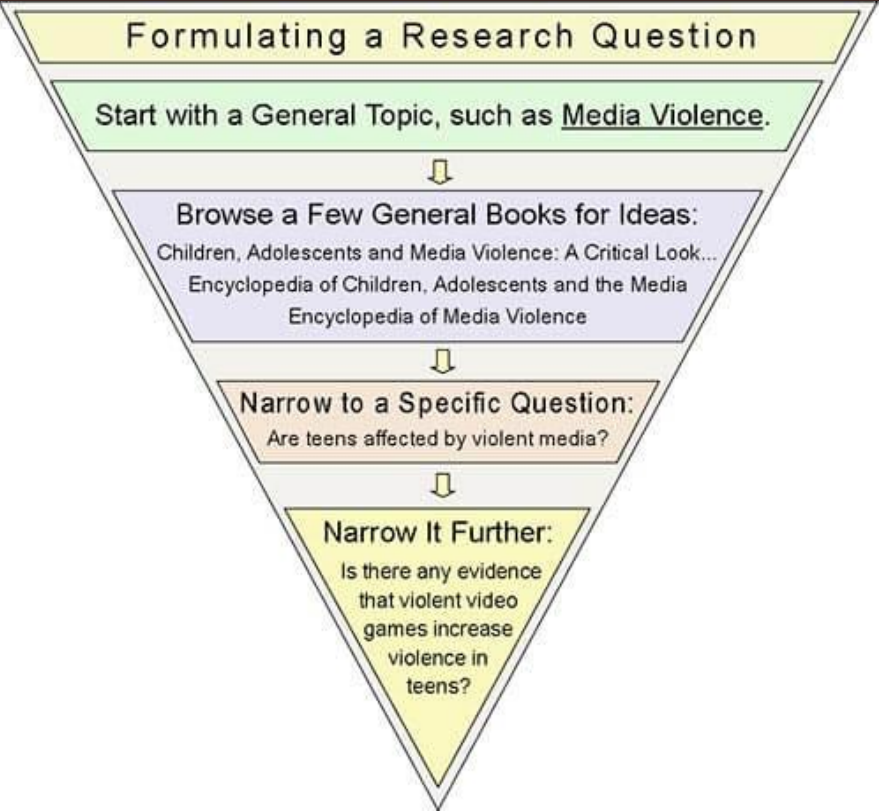
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☐ Black and White Photograph
☐ Color Photograph
☐ Graph
☐ Map
☐ Chart
☐ Diagram
☐ Illustration

RESEARCH TIPS:

Brainstorm	Before you research: think of a good research question. Don't be too broad/vague, yet don't be so narrow that it won't yield many results.
Keywords	Brainstorm key words associated with that topic – sometimes, all you need is a GOOD key word to bring that perfect source to the surface!
Academic	Peer-reviewed academic journals based on research are the best source, but many articles, websites, and books can be useful as well.
Timeliness	Look for sources published within the last 10 years, if you can.
Evaluate	Evaluate your sources' credibility.
Cite	Cite your sources properly. Most papers at HCP will be in MLA.

RESEARCH QUESTIONS AND KEYWORDS



Searching with the keywords 'Media Violence' is too broad. There are many types of media, and there are many types of effects. On society? On adults? Teens? Parents? Boys? Girls?

Think of synonyms and other ways to rephrase your question and its keywords:

- Effects of video game violence on teens
- Consequences of violent video games on teens
- Harmful effects of video games on youth

BROAD TOPIC	RESTRICTED TOPIC	NARROWED TOPIC	RESEARCH QUESTION
Pollution	Acid rain	Acid rain in the United States	What can the United States do to prevent acid rain?
Fishing	Commercial fishing	Fishing regulations and New England	What impact do fishing regulations have on commercial fishing in New England?
Censorship	Internet	Internet and China	How will China's effort to censor the Internet affect its citizens?
Nutrition	Diets	Vegetarianism	What nutritional benefits are there to vegetarianism?

(cf. Lewis A. Jackson Library, n.d., <http://indwes.libguides.com/c.php?g=71141&p=458447>. Last accessed 1/29/2021)

(cf. Lamar Memorial Library, n.d., <https://library.maryvillecollege.edu/c.php?g=616334&p=4320157>. Last accessed 29th Jan 2021)

HOW TO EVALUATE YOUR SOURCE

More Reliable		Evaluate Closely	
Domain Extension	Represents	Domain Extension	Represents
.edu	Education	.com	Commercial
.gov	Government	.org	Organization
.mil	Military	.net	Network

- There are many things to consider when evaluating a source.
- Social Media is NOT a good place to get academic information.
- Memes are NOT a good source of information.
- Clickbait titles are NOT a good source of information.



6 Questions that will tell you which media to trust:

1. What type of content is this?
2. Who and what are the sources cited and why should I believe them?
3. What is the evidence, and how was it vetted?
4. Interpretation: is the main point proved by the evidence?
5. Completeness: is there anything missing?
6. Am I learning every day what I need to?



<https://www.americanpressinstitute.org/publications/six-critical-questions-can-use-evaluate-media-content/>

Spotting Misleading or Fake News

— AN INTRODUCTION —



HOW TO SPOT FAKE NEWS



CONSIDER THE SOURCE

Click away from the story to investigate the site, its mission and its contact info.



READ BEYOND

Headlines can be outrageous in an effort to get clicks. What's the whole story?



CHECK THE AUTHOR

Do a quick search on the author. Are they credible? Are they real?



SUPPORTING SOURCES?

Click on those links. Determine if the info given actually supports the story.



CHECK THE DATE

Reposting old news stories doesn't mean they're relevant to current events.



IS IT A JOKE?

If it is too outlandish, it might be satire. Research the site and author to be sure.



CHECK YOUR BIASES

Consider if your own beliefs could affect your judgement.



ASK THE EXPERTS

Ask a librarian, or consult a fact-checking site.

IFLA

International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions

With thanks to www.factcheck.org

EVALUATING RESOURCES



Remember the 5Ws

Who

Author's name?
Author's credentials?
Contact information?
Publisher or company responsible?



What

Field of study?
Peer-reviewed?
Relevant to topic?

When

Publication Date?
Last updated?



Where

Academic journal?
Website? Newspaper? Magazine?
Domain? (.com, .edu., .org, etc.)

Why

Purpose for writing?
Bias detected?



GOOGLE TIPS:

- Use asterisks to have Google fill in the word between words. (Like if you only know partial song lyrics).
- Use quotation marks around words you MUST have in your results.
- Use .. To search between dates or numbers
- Site: tells google to look only at a specific website (i.e. site:nationalgeographic)
- Use a hyphen to exclude words you DON'T want in your results.
- Define: word leads to an automatic dictionary entry.
- Related: site name helps you find sites similar to other sites.

CITATING AND ORGANIZING INFO

This bar on the side of your article will open up a list of ways your article can be cited. Scroll to find MLA.

Citation Format

NOTE: Review the instructions at [EBSCO Connect](#) and make any necessary corrections before using. Pay special attention to personal names, capitalization, and dates. Always consult your library resources for the exact formatting and punctuation guidelines.

MLA

Works Cited

(Modern Language Assoc.) Pacheco, Elena. "It's a Fracking Conundrum: Environmental Justice and the Battle to Regulate Hydraulic Fracturing." *Ecology Law Quarterly*, vol. 42, no. 2, May 2015, pp. 373–395. *EBSCOhost*, search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=afh&AN=110910176&site=ehost-live.

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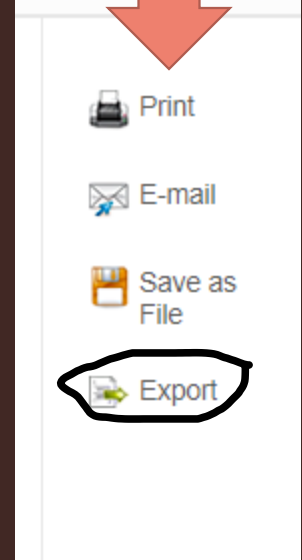
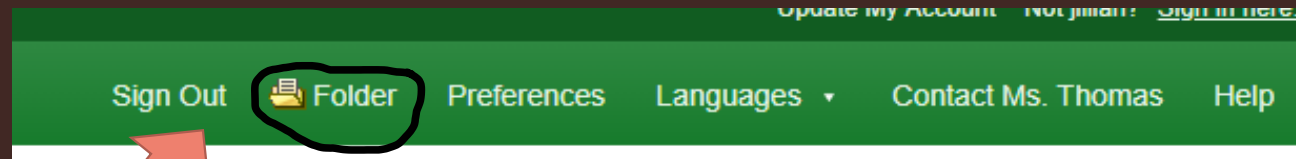
A T-chart can also be very helpful with keeping track of key quotes and ideas from articles you read during research.

You can also do this on index cards or a notebook if you prefer!

Citation	Key Facts and Quotes
Pacheco, Elena. "It's a Fracking Conundrum: Environmental Justice and the Battle to Regulate Hydraulic Fracturing." <i>Ecology Law Quarterly</i> , vol. 42, no. 2, May 2015, pp. 373–395. EBSCOhost, search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=afh&AN=110910176&site=ehost-live.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● "The fracking fluid is injected underground at extremely high pressures. Once a well is fractured, some of the fracking liquid flows from underground back to the surface. This <i>produced water</i> is often toxic." Pg. 2 ● "Hydraulic fracturing can also contribute to <i>seismic activity</i> (underground shaking), leading to fears of earthquake damage.)" Pg. 3

CITING AND STAYING ORGANIZED

One method of staying organized is to create an account on EBSCO at the top (green bar). I made one in 2 clicks with my Google account.



[OWL Purdue Writing Lab](#)
is my FAVORITE source for
all things CITATION!

Once you 'folder save' the sources you want to use, you can export your sources as a .CSV file, which will give you a nice, clean condensed excel chart with your sources and their citation info. You can even add an additional column to record key facts or quotes you got from each source.

STILL NEED HELP
WITH RESEARCH?
CITATION?
DETERMINING
SOURCES?

- Contact me, Ms. Thomas, for help!
- It is my job to help you become information experts.

