Academic OneFile is the premier source for peer-reviewed, full-text articles from the world's leading journals and reference sources. With extensive coverage of the physical sciences, technology, medicine, social sciences, the arts, theology, literature and other subjects, *Academic OneFile* is both authoritative and comprehensive. This tip sheet will give you pointers for using it efficiently.

On the *Academic OneFile* home page, you'll find the following four options for beginning your research: **Home Page (Basic Search), Browse by Discipline, Subject Guide Search, Publication Search, Advanced Search,** and **Topic Finder**.

BASIC SEARCH FROM HOME PAGE

Basic Search is a simple search that offers a few search options by selecting from the drop box: *Basic, Subject, Publication Title,* or *Entire Document.*



Basic Search applies a proprietary algorithm to deliver the most relevant search results **based** on your search term(s).

Subject is best for a single topic and generally returns more relevant results. Use Subject to search for topics such as academic disciplines, companies, people, events, laws, geographic locations, organizations, etc.

Publication Title searches for all articles/documents from a particular publication like *The New York Times*. It's useful for browsing recent issues.

Entire Document searches within the entire text of all documents, as well as other annotated fields. Use this search when you want any mention of your search terms.

You'll notice each search box in *Academic OneFile* offers a **Search Assist** to help you focus your search. This is a "smart" search assist and will not suggest anything that won't retrieve results. You can use the suggestions but can also create your own search string.

BROWSE BY DISCIPLINE

Browse by Discipline provides a curriculum aligned browsing experience with smaller targeted results; topic results are related to the discipline as they are only pulled from publications which were hand-selected by subject matter experts for the specific discipline. Gale has created these browse-able topics by combining our superior subject indexing with taxonomies from Cengage Learning textbooks to create the most relevant periodical content around research needs. This tool is especially useful if you're unsure of search terms to use, don't feel comfortable with more advanced searching techniques, or find other search paths overwhelming.

Start by clicking on the discipline you're interested in. You will then be taken to a list of narrower topics to choose from.







Once you've selected a topic, your search results are tailored to hand-selected journals for the discipline you've chosen. For tips on working with these results, refer to the **Search Results** section of this document.

SUBJECT GUIDE SEARCH

This search takes a guided approach to finding your topic. It's best for searching a single topic and offers the ability to narrow that topic by subdivisions. It's also helpful for discerning between words with different meanings (e.g. Mars – planet or candy company?) or people with the same name (e.g. George Bush –

Select a discipline and	d choose	a topic	c to view articles.			
Biology	Chemistry		Criminal Justice		Economics	Environmental Science
History	Marketing		Political Science	F	Psychology	
Achievement motivation		Evolutionary psychology			Neurotransmitters and pain	
Anxiety disorders		Experi	mental research		Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder	
Auditory perception (Ear, hearing, sound)		Eye, sight, and vision			Operant conditioning	
Behavioral genetics		Forgetting			Perception	
Behaviorism		Group therapy			Personality assessment, development,	
Central nervous system, depressants, and stimulants		Heredity		and traits		
		Hunger		Personality disorders		
Cerebral hemispheres		Hypnotic trance			Psychoanalysis	
Classical conditioning		Intelligence and intelligence testing			Psychologists	
Cognitive behavior therapies		Language			Psychotherapy	
Cognitive psychology		Language development			Research ethics and methods and the scientific method Schizophrenic disorders	
Concept formation		earning and learning theories				
Conformity and obedience	Conformity and obedience		Light			

two former presidents share the same name).

For this example, we've searched on ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE. Our results found a subject heading

Subject Terms	Results
Artificial intelligence Subdivisions	3340
Artificial Intelligence (Nonfiction work)	4
Artificial intelligence software Subdivisions 🛨 Related subjects	298
Artificial intelligence systems See Artificial intelligence	3340

for Artificial intelligence but also shows us other subjects like Artificial intelligence software; we've also found a **Related subjects** link to related topics like Swarm intelligence. This can help you find a more specific or broader topics to explore.

Many subject headings will also offer Subdivisions to help you narrow down

your topic. To the right we're exploring the subdivisions for *Artificial intelligence*. When researching a person, you'll find subdivisions like *Interview* and *Biography*. Likewise, when researching a disease or condition, you'll find subdivisions like *Care and Treatment, Diagnosis*, and *Prevention*. This is a great way to focus your research.

SEARCH PATH DIFFERENCES

This chart will help you better understand the difference between these search options.

Search Type	Areas Being Searched	Best For	
Basic Search	Important fields; influenced by	Searching on more than one	
	relevance	topic, e.g. VOTING AND THE	
		CONSTITUTION	
Browse by Discipline	Subject headings and their related	Unsure of search terms; targeted	
	topics within discipline specific	results	
	publications		
Subject Guide	Subject headings assigned to article	Guided approach to search;	
		ambiguous search terms	





TOPIC FINDER

The Topic Finder tool generates a visual search result by topic and subtopic based on an analysis of frequently occurring and related terms in your results. It's a great way to quickly assess your topic, find relevant articles, and discover new connections between your topic and others. You'll find Topic Finder near the bottom of *Academic OneFile's* home page.



Your results initially are displayed in a Wheel View; you may switch to a Tile View if you prefer. In Tile View, the user must click on the large tiles to view narrower terms. Use the Visualization toggle on the left to move between views.

Popular topics related to your search are displayed on the inner ring of the Wheel View and in the larger tiles in Tile View. More specific terms appear in the outer wheel or the smaller tiles. Both views are also a heat map – darker reds and oranges are more popular terms than yellows and greens.

To view results on a topic simply click on the topic and your results will populate in the box to the right of your visual results. As you click around in a Topic Finder, results on the right update dynamically, allowing for one-click access into relevant content. Simply click on an article to view it.





ADVANCED SEARCH

Advanced Search is the search where you're the boss; you can perform a very complex search as well as a simple one. Advanced Search offers all limiting options, like *Publication Date, Document Type,* and *Publication Subject*. As an example, let's say someone is looking for an article they read about solar eclipses in *Astronomy*. We choose the field we want to search from the drop box and enter our search term in the corresponding search box. Connect the fields with the operator you need – AND, OR, NOT. For more detail, please refer to Help.

Advanced	Search			
Search for	SOLAR ECLIPSES	in	Subject	•
And 👻	ASTRONOMY	in	Publication Title	•

PUBLICATION SEARCH

This search allows you to check and see if the publication you're interested in is available in the resource and provides the ability to view its backfile and past/current issues. Just search on the publication you want and click on it to see the Publication Details Page. You can set up a Journal Alert to "subscribe" to your publication by using the Create Journal button. For more on this feature, visit Help or view the How to Create Journal Alerts tip sheet.

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SEARCH RESULTS

Your search results page will look and work the same from most search paths, providing you with the matches to the terms you searched. You will see a slightly different display when using *Browse by Discipline*; a few results from each Content Type are shown. Notice that you'll have a new option in the Basic Search box that appears in the banner; you're able to search **Within** your current search results.

Your **search results** are displayed on the left; simply click on a document's title to view it. Your results may be a mix of citations, abstracts, and full text articles. You can change the sort order of your results by using the **Sort by** drop box. If you click the highlighted *Basic Search* link, you can go back to your search page and edit your search.







Narrow Your Results: Use the Plus sign to expand your choices:

- Full Text limits to only article with text
- Peer Reviewed Journals limits to peer-reviewed (or refereed) sources
- Contains images limits to documents with embedded images and PDF scanned pages
- Library Holdings limits to sources in your library's collection
- Publication Dates lets you adjust the date range of your search results
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DOCUMENT VIEW

To view an article, simply click the hyperlinked title of the document.

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- *Highlights and Notes* provides a summary of the highlights and notes you've added to your



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HIGHLIGHTS AND NOTES

This feature allows you to highlight text as if you're using a highlighter marker and add notes to the highlighted text. Simply click and drag to select the text you'd like to highlight and/or add notes to and the highlights/notes bar will appear. Choose your highlighter color to highlight the text and click the Notes box to add your own notes. These highlights and notes will print with your article. They'll also appear at the bottom of the original text of your e-mailed or HTML downloaded document. You can access a summary of your highlighted text and notes by clicking the Highlights and Notes from the **More** button in the banner.

It's important to remember that *Highlights and Notes only last for YOUR session*. Once you leave the database, they are erased to protect user privacy.

BOOKMARKS



By using the **Bookmark** feature, you and others can revisit practically any page you choose after you've ended your current session. The Bookmark feature is available for most pages including individual documents, search results, saved folders, and more. While viewing a page, simply click Bookmark in the top black banner. A separate window will open, allowing you to copy and paste the Bookmark link into another

document, web site, teaching tool, or you may add it to your browser's favorites list and/or e-mail it.

MORE

The More button in the banner offers a variety of tools such as:

all sources that make up a database.

Dictionary – Use Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary® to look up words.
Title List – Provides a link to Gale's website so you can download a title list of



- **Search History** Provides a list of your successful searches (this is erased after you leave the database).
- **Highlights and Notes** View all the highlighted sections & notes from your current session.
- **My Folder** Where all the documents saved during your session will be held.

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