

William Annin Media Center
Database Pathfinder for 8th Grade Comm Arts Persuasive Speech

Go to **William Annin Middle School** home page.
In the left column, scroll over **Media Center**.
Click on **Research**, then click on **Grade 8 Comm Arts**,
or click on **Databases**.

Databases listed are the *best choices* for finding information about your topics.
Username/passwords listed below are needed if accessing databases from home.
Articles from these databases can be printed out, saved on your P drive (My Documents) or a flash drive, or e-mailed home.

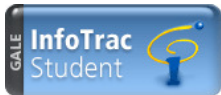


Student Research Center

Click on the **EBSCOhost** icon. Click login.

You may use any of the databases listed. Try **Student Research Center** for starters.

- **Limit your Results.** Look down the page to *Limit your results* - Select **Full Text**.
 - Look at the left column. Click on **Current Issues**. Select your topic if it is there.
 - **Keywords:** Otherwise, type in a keyword(s) from your *Research Guide*. Click **Search**.
 - **Sort:** Select how you want articles sorted: *Relevance* or by *Date*. Recommend *Relevance*.
 - **Narrow Results by Subject:** Click on Subject below Narrow Results by. Choose a subject that describes the information you want.
 - **Filter:** Choose *type* of article to get list of just that type (i.e. Magazines, newspapers, encyl.)
 - **Browse articles:** Look at titles, read article abstracts. Add possible articles to *session folder* by clicking **Add to folder**. Then click on **Folder** icon at top to see list of all your chosen articles.
- Emailing/Saving:** Emailing is recommended. Use defaults. If PDF format is available, can save.



InfoTrac: Student Edition

Click on **InfoTrac Student**. Click **Proceed**. Click on **Student Edition**. Redesigned interface! Left side is ways to **Limit** results; middle is results/articles; right side is **Tools**. Take some time to become familiar with it.

Basic Keyword Search:

- **Keywords:** Type in keywords from your *Research Guide*. Click magnifying glass icon.
- **Sort:** Sort by *Relevance* at top of screen
- **Full-text:** Click “to documents with full-text” box
- **Content Type:** On left, shows types of articles with # of results. Default display is *Magazines*.
- **Limit Search by:** Narrowing results by: related subjects, doc types, publications, pub. dates.

Subject Guide Search: Allows you to search article *subjects* to find articles on your topic.

- Type in your topic. Click magnifying glass icon.
- Selecting your topic will give you a list of articles with that subject.
- **Subdivisions:** Selecting subdivisions gives you more specific subjects to choose from. Select the one you want to get a list of articles with that specific subject. Great way to narrow results.
- Continue with sorting and limiting as with Keyword search.

Emailing/Saving: Under **Tools**, select **Download** to save article to your drive or **Email** to send home. Recommend to select “*send item as attachment*” and **PDF** if file is available in that format.



GALE Virtual Reference Library (E-books)

Click on **InfoTrac Student**. Click **Proceed**. Click on

Gr.8 Persuasive Speech Issues.

Basic Search:

- Type in keyword(s) from your *Research Guide*. (Not all issues will be found. Select **Social Science** to see list of general topics available.)
- Results are list of e-book articles on your topic.
- Limit results: Left side of page under **Search**. Can enter more specific keywords, **narrow** search by *doc type, subject*, etc. **NOTE**: Default is “*search within results*”. Uncheck this box to search all e-books, not just the ones returned in current results.

Emailing/Saving: Tools on right of screen. Use defaults for **Email**. To save, select **Download**.

Leave as **PDF** (default), click **Download**. When file is displayed, menu bar shows near bottom of article. Hover over the *disk* icon(Save) – to save, do a **Ctrl+Shift+S**, select **Yes** and choose where to save the article.



ProQuest (Available in school only)

Click on **Proquest**. New interface here too!

Keyword search: First select **Full Text** box then enter keywords from your *Research Guide*.

- **Suggested subjects**: Box at top. Can click on any that seem useful for your topic.
- **Icons on left**: Indicate Content (source) type,(i.e. Magazines, journals, newspapers)
- **Preview**: Click Preview button to see pop-up window with article **Abstract**.

Getting quality results: (Features on right side of screen)

- **Sort**: **Sort by Relevance** is default (recommended.)
- **Narrow Results by**: Can limit your results by source type, subject, etc.

Emailing/Saving:

- Tools: Blue box at top of screen. Choose **Email** or **Save as File**. For Email, select **Include Full-text** and **Citation Style – MLA7**. For Save as File, select **Full-text, MLA7, PDF** (recommended) or **RTF** (WORD doc.)



Sirs Discoverer

Click on **SIRS Discoverer**.

Keyword/Natural Language Search: Enter your keywords from the *Research Guide*.

Subject headings Search: Type in your topic to get back a list of related subjects. Select one to get back a list of articles about that subject.

Select a content tab at top of screen to view specific types of articles, i.e. magazine, newspaper, reference, ****websites**** - SIRS is a great way to find good websites too!

Click **Source & Summary** at top of screen for citation information nicely identified for you.

Emailing/Saving: Must copy/paste text to a WORD doc to save in a file. Click **Email** to send home.