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Computer commands, field names and mouse actions are in *Italics*.
Text that you must type is within single quote marks (' ').

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After each question, click on *New Search* at the top left to begin a new question

1. I need some articles on the Exxon Valdez oil spill.

- ☐ Type "Exxon Valdez" in the search box in the middle of the screen. [Include the quotation marks to find only articles that have both of those words together.]
- ☐ Click *Search* button.
- ☐ To read the articles, click *HTML Full Text* or *PDF Full Text* at the end of each article's description.

If the full text of an article is not available, look at the *Notes* field at the bottom of each article's description. If it reads: *This Title is held locally*, the Main Library owns that title. Check the catalog to see if we have that exact issue. If the note field reads: *This title is not held locally*, we may still have access to it in a different electronic format (or database) or through Interlibrary Loan. Always contact the library if you need help finding an article.

2. Is there any way to only display full text articles when I search?

- ☐ Try the same search again. Type "Exxon Valdez" in the central search box.
- ☐ This time, scroll down to the area labeled *Limit your results* and click the *Full Text* box.
- ☐ Click *Search*.

3. I need some scholarly articles about teenage pregnancy. They can't be from a magazine like Newsweek or Redbook.

- ☐ Type: 'teen* pregnancy' in the central search box.
[Include the quotation marks and the *; will search both teen and teenage pregnancy]
- ☐ Scroll down to the *Limit your results* area and click the *Peer Reviewed* box. This will return only articles from peer reviewed academic journals.
- ☐ Click *Search*.

4. I want to see what sort of scholarly articles are out there on French literature. I don't have a more specific topic yet; I was hoping to find something interesting and narrow it down.

- ☐ Click *Subjects* at the top left of the screen.
- ☐ Type 'French literature' into the search bar.
- ☐ Click the *Browse* button.
- ☐ Take a look at the results under *French Literature*. For scholarly articles that are about French literature in general, click the link to *View... Academic Journal References*.
- ☐ To explore more specific categories under French literature, click the link to *Explore: subdivisions*.
- ☐ Let's look at the scholarly articles available on French literature in the 19th century. Read down the list until you read *19th Century* and click the link to *View... Academic Journal References*.
- ☐ Use the results list to determine which articles you want to read.

5. I know there was a recipe for red velvet cake in *Southern Living* a few years ago, but I don't know when it appeared. How can I find it?

- ☐ Type 'red velvet cake' in the *Find* field.
- ☐ In the *Limit your results* area, find the *Publication* search field and type 'Southern Living' into it.
- ☐ Click the *Search* button.

6. I'd like to read some editorials on gun control.

- ☐ Find the *Advanced Search* tab at the top of the page. This tab offers a wider variety of search options than the basic search.
- ☐ Type: 'gun control' in the *Find* field
- ☐ Under *Limit your results*, find the *Document Type* menu. Scroll down and click on *Editorial*.
- ☐ Click *Search*.

7. I'm thinking about buying a new dishwasher. Where can I find ratings and reviews of different models and information on features?

- ☐ Under the main search box, click *Advanced Search*.
- ☐ Type 'dishwashers' in the first search field at the top of the screen.
- ☐ Under *Limit your results*, find the *Document Type* menu. Scroll down and click on *Product Review*.
- ☐ Click *Search*.

8. I need some primary source documents on President Roosevelt and the New Deal.

- ☐ Click on the *Advanced Search* tab at the top of the screen.
- ☐ Type 'Roosevelt' in the first search field at the top of the screen.
- ☐ Type 'new deal' in the second search field.
- ☐ Under *Limit your results* find the *Publication Search* menu. Click on *Primary Source Document*.
- ☐ Click *Search*.