

# Online Research Databases

## Assignment 6

The purpose of this assignment is to give you hands-on practice searching various online research databases that are available to you from the LBCC library.

Instructions: You will also be using online research databases which you can access from the [library website](#) under **Find Articles & Other Resources** - Databases by title. If you are completing this assignment from home, you must first authenticate to the databases by clicking on the off-campus access link in the Before completing this assignment it would be helpful to first read study guide 6. Perform the searches exactly as described. Be sure to write a detailed response describing your search process.

How to turn in this assignment: Answer all the questions thoroughly and submit to me via email (dlaney@lbcc.edu) by midnight of the date due.

Using **Facts on File databases** (American History, American Women's History, African-American History, American Indian History, Blooms Literary Reference, Career Guidance Center, Modern World History, Science Online, and the World Atlas) choose the best database listed above to complete the following two questions.

1) A student is doing a report for a women's history class and needs to find information on **Elizabeth Cady Stanton**.

- a) Describe your search strategy.
- b) Which database did you choose and why?
- c) How did you find your information and what were your results like?
- d) List the specific source of your information. The source should be at the beginning (and end) of the full-text document.
- e) Overall how would you rate the information you found on this person?
- f) What year was Elizabeth Cady Stanton born? When did she die?
- g) What significance is Elizabeth Cady Stanton to Women's history? (Give at least 2 examples of things she did or participated in)
- h) Locate one primary source related to Elizabeth Cady Stanton. Describe the primary source.

2) Another student needs to find information about a short story writer. The author's name is **Raymond Carver**.

- a) Describe your search strategy.

- b) Which database did you choose and why?
- c) How did you find your information and what were your results like?
- d) List the specific source of your information. The source should be at the beginning (and end) of the full-text.
- e) Overall how would you rate the information you found on this person?
- f) What year was Raymond Carver born? When did he die?
- g) List two of Raymond Carver's works.
- h) What style of writing did Raymond Carver use?

3) Use the **CQ Researcher** database to answer the following questions:

- a) What is the most recent report's topic?

Perform a search for **your own research topic**.

- b) Describe your search in detail.

c) Did you find a report related to your research topic? How closely does it relate? What is the date of the report?

d) Are there any other related articles or topics for your research topic? If yes, list them here.

- e) How useful do you feel this database is for the purpose of researching your topic?

4) Use the **Opposing Viewpoints** database to answer the following questions:

a) Is your research topic found in the list of popular topics on the main page? If so, what is the title of the topic?

b) Search for your topic (either by clicking the link found above on the main page or performing a keyword search for your topic). Describe your search process.

c) List the total results found for your topic per document type (Viewpoints 15, Magazines 10, etc.)

d) Provide a MLA citation for one VIEWPOINT which supports your position on your research topic issue and one VIEWPOINT which is against your position. You will need to click on the different viewpoints and read them to see whether they are for or against your position. Use evaluation methods to choose the best two for your topic.

- e) How do you feel the coverage is on your specific topic in this database?

4) Use the **SIRS Researcher** database to answer the following questions:

a) Is your research topic found in the list of popular topics on the main page? If so, what is the title of the topic?

b) Search for your topic (either by clicking the link found above on the main page or performing a keyword search for your topic). Describe your search process.

c) List the total results found for your topic per document type (All 245, Viewpoints 15, Magazines 10, etc.)

d) Provide a MLA citation for one VIEWPOINT which supports your position on your research topic issue and one VIEWPOINT which is against your position. You will need to click on the different viewpoints and read them to see whether they are for or against your position. Use evaluation methods to choose the best two for your topic.

e) Identify the pros/cons of your specific issue (hint: in the overview of your topic click the PRO/CON button). If you do not have an overview of your topic in this database, come up with your own pros/cons based on viewpoints you have read.

f) How do you feel the coverage is on your specific topic in this database?