

Introduction to Research

Goal: Successfully navigate LibGuides and databases, properly format research paper

Discussion Topics

- **LibGuides**
- **Databases**
- **Searching Tips**
- **MLA Format**

LibGuides

- Navigate with tabs at the top
- Narrows list of resources to most vital for subject area
- Provides additional resources beyond databases

Search Engines vs. Databases

You get what you pay for.

Anyone can put anything on the internet and chances are you can find it on Google. Search engines will give you millions of results.

Databases are expensive because they are screened and disaggregated. They are full of academic material. Databases will give you reliable results.

Search Tips

- Subject vs. Keyword
- Boolean
- Full text vs. Abstract
- Create EBSCO folder

MLA

- Formatting
- Citation Tools