

# Mr. Aubin's Geography State Research Project

## Step #1: Databases

### ABC-CLIO:

**Username:** libertyville

**Password:** wildcats

**Areas to Use:** Select "US Geography" then conduct a basic search.

**Citation:** MLA citation is at the end of the article.

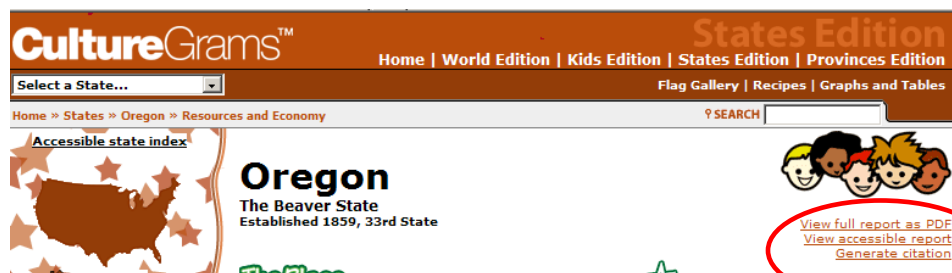
### CultureGrams:

**Username:** libertyville

**Password:** wildcats

**Areas to Use:** Select "State Edition" then locate your state.

**Citation:** Click on the tab, "Generate Citation" near the top of the page on the right-hand side. Citation is in the Seventh Edition MLA format.



## EbscoHost:

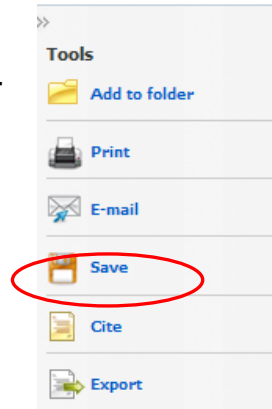
**Login:** libertyville

**Password:** wildcats

**Areas to Use:** Magazine, Newspaper, Health, Images, Bios, etc.  
Click on “select all.” Do a basic search but be sure to check the “full text” box. Click the ‘sort by’ to relevance.

If using the “Student Resource Center” you will need to create your own citation.

**Citation:** Use the icon that says “cite” on the right-hand side of the page under “Tools.”



## Facts-on-File

**Login ID:** libertyville

**Password:** wildcats

**Areas to Use:** Select “World Geography and Culture .” Use the pull down menu to select your State. (See below)

**Citation:** Citation as at the end of the article.



## Step #2: Books

Reference Title	Call Number
Goode's Atlas	Desk Ref Goodes
Hammond Citation Atlas Desk Ref 912	Desk Ref 912
Barnes & Noble Essential World Atlas	Desk Ref 912 Barnes
Worldmark Encyclopedia of the States	Desk Ref 973 Gall
Books about your state (see card catalog)	
General books about your state's region. Example: Oregon (look for Pacific Northwest --see card catalog)	

\*Citation information can be found via the On-Line Catalog.

<http://lhwildcats.org/library>. Add the book title to ""add to this list", then click "in this list" (right-hand side); finally, click "Go" at the bottom of the page.

## Step #3: Internet

**Google or Google Scholar** <http://scholar.google.com/>

Use the Internet wisely. Set up a good internet search when you use Google. Websites ending in .edu, .gov, .org or .net are usually trustworthy. Remember to use the "+" and "-" symbols to narrow down the search.

For example: Oregon

Oregon +state +economy -.com +.gov

## Yippy

Another search engine option is Yippy at [www.yippy.com](http://www.yippy.com). This engine searches for and ranks pages based on their content and relevance. Other choices and suggestions are offered as well on the left-hand side.

## Internet Public Library

This director, <http://www.ipl.org>, searches the Invisible Web for academic articles.

**Cook Memorial Public Library** (access to their databases if you have a library card)

<http://www.cooklib.org/>

## On-Line Digitized “Out of Copy Right” Books

Google Books

<http://books.google.com/books>

Example: *Oregon*

[http://books.google.com/books?id=EgE8yzpoz9lC&printsec=frontcover&dq=oregon&hl=en&ei=8-qhTLO1NsqqnAfyuaXFAw&sa=X&oi=book\\_result&ct=result&resnum=1&ved=0CC0Q6AEwAA#v=onepage&q&f=false](http://books.google.com/books?id=EgE8yzpoz9lC&printsec=frontcover&dq=oregon&hl=en&ei=8-qhTLO1NsqqnAfyuaXFAw&sa=X&oi=book_result&ct=result&resnum=1&ved=0CC0Q6AEwAA#v=onepage&q&f=false)

## Websites:

EPA Search by state
<a href="http://www.epa.gov/">http://www.epa.gov/</a>
America’s Story
<a href="http://www.americaslibrary.gov/es/index.php">http://www.americaslibrary.gov/es/index.php</a>
Net States
<a href="http://www.netstate.com/states/">http://www.netstate.com/states/</a>
Color Landform Atlas of the States
<a href="http://fermi.jhuapl.edu/states/states.html">http://fermi.jhuapl.edu/states/states.html</a>
National Geographic Maps
<a href="http://maps.nationalgeographic.com/maps">http://maps.nationalgeographic.com/maps</a>