

Help Sheet to Sources—Mrs. Singleton’s “Compare-Contrast Essay”

Step #1: Consider using various terms in your search and realize you will have a multiple-pronged approach to this research.

Example: Compare Contrast the Baby Boomer Generation and Generation Y views toward family and education.

Special Generation

Millennial Generation

Generations Jones

Net Generation

Golden Boomers

Entitlement Generation

Step #2: Databases

Use journal articles and materials from the library’s databases. Electronic databases sponsored by LHS Library are found on the library webpage. <http://lhswildcats.org/library>

CQ Researcher:

User Name

libertyville

Password

wildcats

Areas to Use: Generate a basic search. Click the arrow at the date tab for most current articles to be listed first.

Citation: Click on the “Cite Now” tab at the top of the page, then select “MLA Style” for the 7th Edition format. Ask your teacher if you are to include the URL.

EbscoHost Use the online access to subscriptions of magazines such as *Time*, *Newsweek*, etc.

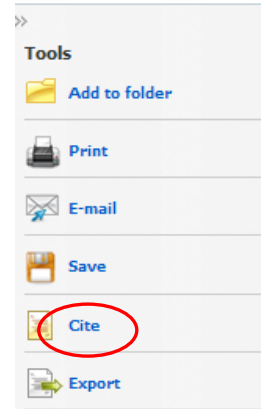
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Password: wildcats

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. In left-hand margin, select either “HTML Full Text” or “PDF Full Text”.

If using the “Student Resource Center” or “Points of View” you will need to create your own citation from the information provided.

Citation: Use the fifth icon that says “cite” that is on the right-hand side of the initial page under “Tools” or if the article is opened, click on the icon.



FirstSearch

User Name: 100107316
Password: wildcats

Areas to Use: Click on “ArticlesFirst” in the upper, left-hand corner— always check the “full text” box. Could restrict the years for the most current information.

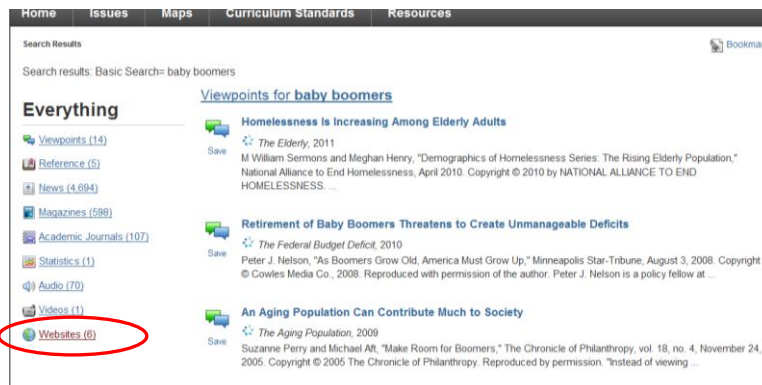
Citation: The citation information is done and found under the tab “External Resources: Cite This Item.” Select the proper form. See the illustration below.

A screenshot of the Statewide Illinois Library Catalog (SILC) interface. The header shows "SILC Statewide Illinois Library Catalog" and "Libertyville High School Library Media Center". Below the header, there are navigation tabs: "Home", "Databases", "Searching", "Results", and "Resource Sharing". Under "Results", there are sub-tabs: "List of Records", "Detailed Record", "Marked Records", and "Saved Records". The "Detailed Record" tab is active. Below the tabs, there are icons for "Libraries", "ILL", "E-mail", "Print", "Export", and "Help". The main content area shows "ArticleFirst results for: kw: health and kw: care and kw: reform and yr: 2009-2010 and ft: fulltext. Record 4 of 24." Below this, there are options to "View Full Text in PDF format" and "View Full Text in HTML format". Under "Availability", there is a "Check the catalogs in your library" section with a "Get full text" button. Below that, there is a "Borrow this item from another library" option. The "External Resources" section is circled in red and contains a "Cite This Item" link. Below this, there is an "Author(s)" section with "Parker, Robert P." and a "Key Statistics for Health Care Reform" section with source information.

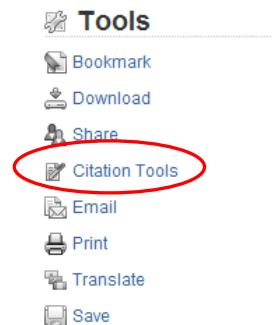
Gale Resource Center:

Login ID: wildcats

Areas to Use: Select the “Opposing Viewpoints”. Simply do a basic search or click ‘advanced’ for only “full text” options. Be sure to check out the choices on the left under “Everything” including the ones for websites, as shown below.



Citation: Information is at the end of the article. Another option is to click on the “citation tools” in the “Tool” bar on the right-hand side. Select the MLA 7th edition, click ‘download’ and then ‘open.’



Lexis/Nexis:

Web ID:

lhslibrary

Password:

wildcats

Areas to Use: Study separate search areas (News, Legal Research or Legislation) carefully to select which is best for your research. Once in the selected area, again, read the options for the next choice. Be sure it is sorted by relevance.

Citation: Information is usually at the beginning of the article and most likely you will have to generate your own citation.

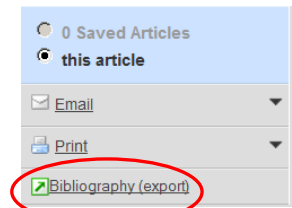
Newsbank:

Username:
libertyville

Password:
wildcats

Areas to Use: May click on the bold “America’s Newspapers” at the top or select specific ones—place date parameters for recent materials if needed. Be sure to have ‘*best matches first*’ highlighted.

Citation: Click on the “Bibliography Export ” on the right-hand side and then select the “MLA Citations” button. Citation is in the 7th Edition MLA style.



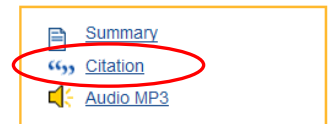
SirS Online

Login:
libertyville

Password:
wildcats

Areas to Use: Do a basic search. Sort by date or view the options in the left-hand box titled “Narrow your results”.

Citation: Click “Citation” tab on the right hand side for the 7th Edition MLA style.



Step #3: Internet

On-Line Journals:

History News Network

Read news articles that relate history to the present and learn historians' views of current events. Includes articles from the left and right. <http://www.historynewsnetwork.com/>

In These Times Magazine

Provides groundbreaking coverage of current events. <http://www.inthesetimes.org/>

The Nation Magazine:

Discusses political and social questions. Keep scrolling down to find the topics. Once you click on the topic, the article appears at the same spot—so you'll have to scroll back down again.

<http://www.thenation.com/>

New Republic Magazine

Lively journal of politics, current events, and the arts.

<http://www.tnr.com/>

Reason Magazine

Provides a provocative mix of news, analysis, commentary, and reviews. Will give more on the effects of an event than the actual history of the event. <http://www.reason.com/>

World Newspapers:

World Newspapers, Magazines, and News Sites in English

<http://www.world-newspapers.com/>

Internet Public Library--Newspapers

<http://www.ipl.org/div/news/>

Online Newspapers—select continent then which newspaper you prefer

<http://www.onlinenewspapers.com/>

Today's Front Pages

<http://www.newseum.org/todaysfrontpages/>

WorldPress.org

<http://www.worldpress.org/gateway.htm>

Invisible Web Directories

For sources not on the public web, such as dissertations, use the following. They will be more challenging to use but rewarding.

Topics should be general—search for “Generation Y”

Complete Planet

<http://www.completeplanet.com>

Directory of Open Access Journals

<http://www.doaj.org>

Freeality (select the search engines)

http://www.freeality.com/international_search_engines.htm

HighWire Press: Free Online Full-text Articles

<http://highwire.stanford.edu/>

Not all are available for free, but for many the abstract is helpful

Infomine

<http://infomine.ucr.edu/>

Info Please

<http://www.infoplease.com/>

Internet Public Library

<http://www.ipl.org>

Lycos Directory

<http://www.lycos.com/>

MagPortal.com

<http://magportal.com/>

Pandia

<http://www.pandia.com/metasearch/index.html>

General Web Sites

IncyWincy

<http://www.incywincy.com/>

Digital Librarian

<http://www.digital-librarian.com/>

Virtual Library

<http://vlib.org/>

Google Headline

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

Google Scholar

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

Yippy

If you need help narrowing your thesis, try the search engine, at <http://search.yippy.com/>. It clusters topics on the left-hand side that could help you search your topic.

Google Books

Find digitized books. Must click on the title to explore its possibilities (used to be able to read if it was full text, snippet view or just a review) <http://books.google.com/books>

Example: Baby Boomers and Their Parents

http://books.google.com/books?id=J5gqhWTzrpIC&pg=PA16&dq=baby+boomers+family&hl=en&ei=dWtWTvb7LsPDsQLdj7mFDA&sa=X&oi=book_result&ct=result&resnum=3&ved=0CDgQ6AEwAg#v=onepage&q=baby%20boomers%20family&f=false

Google

Use the Internet wisely. Set up a good internet search. Remember to use the “+” and “-” symbols to narrow down the search.

For example: generation y
“generation y” +education -com

Examples of Baby Boomers and Generation Y
Family
Family Behaviors Among Early US Baby Boomers http://heinonline.org/HOL/LandingPage?collection=journals&handle=hein.journals/josf76&div=33&id=&page=
Parenting the Net Generation http://www.selfhelpmagazine.org/article/net-generation
Education
Educating a New Generation: Teaching Baby Boomer Faculty About Millennial Students http://journals.lww.com/nurseeducatoronline/Abstract/2007/01000/Educating_a_New_Generation_Teaching_Baby_Boomer.7.aspx
Defining Generation Y: Towards a New Typology of Digital Learners http://www.elp.ac.uk/downloads/Defining%20Generation%20Y%20Bradford.pdf