

RESEARCH TOOLS

Databases that are available for scholarly research are the following:

1. <http://www.hdsb.ca/library/pages/hipschools.html>
 - a. The Canadian Reference Centre ((Ebsco Host)
 - b. History Reference Centre
 - c. Science Reference Centre
2. www.wosslibrary.com
 - a. Under the Tab - Book Resources
 - b. Links Tab – Library Services, Oakville Public Library, askON (on-line research help)
 - c. Research Tab - EBSCO Research Databases
 - i. Literary Reference Centre (may have difficulty logging in from home)
3. <http://www.opl.on.ca/research/databases.php>
(Oakville Public Library)
 - a. Academic Research and Education
 - i. Academic OneFile
 - ii. Gale Virtual Reference Library
 - iii. General OneFile
 - iv. General References Centre Gold
 - b. History and Social Science
 - c. Canadian Resources
 - d. Science and Technology
4. Google Scholar
5. New – JSTOR this database is located at - www.wosslibrary.com, under e-resources tab.
-While at school you will have access to the website without logging in. At home you need to set up an account. Below is all the information you need -

The link for JSTOR is located at www.wosslibrary.com, under the e-resources, databases tab.

This link allows all students and teachers to access the database from our school location. Remote access has also been set-up for JSTOR.

Instructions for Users

To access JSTOR from WOSS, follow this access token registration link:

<http://www.jstor.org/token/IuM8z9QC8Tia4KKHmYAY/wossweb.com>

For Remote Access -

For subsequent access, users may go directly to **www.jstor.org** and select "Login" at the top of the page to enter JSTOR with their username and password. They may access JSTOR via this account from any location. **Note that each user must register their own MyJSTOR account through the access token registration link to access full-text content on JSTOR. You must enter White Oaks Secondary School as your institution to have a valid account set-up from home.**

Creating a Folder- (The Canadian Reference Centre)

1. Sign In (Create a new account the first time you use it)
2. Create New folder (located at the bottom of the page on the left hand side)
3. Add selected articles to folder

Create Alerts

1. Select "Create Alert" located at the top of the page on the right hand side
2. Fill out the descriptors. E.g. – email to, frequency etc.

Definitions –

What is an abstract in an essay?

An **abstract** is a brief summary of a research article, thesis, review, conference proceeding or any in-depth analysis of a particular subject or discipline, and is often used to help the reader quickly ascertain the paper's purpose. ([en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abstract_\(summary\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abstract_(summary)))

What is a Boolean Search?

Boolean Search is a type of search that allows you to combine keywords with operators, such as AND, NOT and OR to help narrow down your search results.

(support.findly.com/hc/en-us/)

Helpful Tips

- 1) On the hdsb.ca/library/pages/dbases.html web page you will find a tab called "Tips and Tutorials". It contains useful tutorials and tips if you are having difficulty researching.

Also on hdsb.ca/library/pages/dbases.html

- a. Secondary Internet Tools hdsb.ca/library/pages/dbase.html
 - i. Research and Writing
 - ii. Ask a Teacher Librarian (which allows you to email a librarian for assistance)
- 2) Come visit the school library and ask for assistance from the teacher librarian

Research Topic-

1. **Topic** – Surveillance during WWII
2. **Website** – The Canadian Reference Centre and History Reference Centre
3. **Basic Search** – Surveillance
4. **Refine your search** – Advanced Search
5. **You may want to select the following:** peer reviewed, publication date, timeline, type of publication etc.
6. **Think about synonyms for surveillance** – spying, espionage etc.
7. Once you have a reasonable amount of articles if you open up the articles you will find more topics by examining the **subject line**. The **subject line** will lead you to more articles and topics that are connected to your original idea. Also examine the **works cited page** at the end of the article.

Second Example – Literature

1. **Topic** – The Great Gatsby and symbolism or social class
2. **Websites** – <http://www.opl.on.ca/research/databases.php>, Literature Resource Centre or <http://www.wossweb.com/#library>, Literary Reference Centre
3. **Basic Search** – The Great Gatsby, symbolism
4. **Refine your search** – Advanced Search
5. You may want to select the following: peer reviewed, publication date, timeline, type of publication etc.
6. Think about other ideas associated with symbolism like social class.
7. Once you have a reasonable amount of articles if you open up the articles you will find more topics by examining the works cited page. The works cited page has many more references you may want to find, read or use in your work.