About eLibrary Curriculum Edition™

ProQuest’s newest K-12 education solution meets a growing range of research and curricular demands. Students will find the answers they need from more than 2,000 full-text and multimedia sources, and can access History Study Center™ and ProQuest Learning: Literature™ resources with a single search. The product contains millions of documents including current full-text magazine and newspaper articles, maps, photographs, TV and radio transcripts, government publications, and reference collections. Turn to eLibrary CE to investigate world events and people in today’s news, history, geography, social and debate issues, sciences, social sciences, and much more.

Follow this simple 1 – 2 – 3 search guide to see how easy it is to find information with eLibrary CE.

Part 1: Submit a Search Query

All eLibrary CE research begins at the main search page. You can search the database using a simple word search, by asking a question, or you can use advanced search features to locate information by specific search field like Emphasis On, Reading Level, Date Range, Publication, Title, or Author.

To submit a simple search query

1. On the main search page, type a search query in the search text box (A). You can format your search query as a natural language question or as a Boolean (keyword) search string comprised of keywords connected by Boolean operators (i.e., AND, NOT, OR, etc.).

   o Natural language search query example: are salmon endangered?

   Natural language searching is a good choice for gathering general information. Phrasing your query as a question will generally provide better results than just using keywords.

   o Boolean search query example 1: hurricane NOT Florida

   Example 2: frogs OR salamanders AND “global warming”
Boolean searching is best used for more specific searches. A keyword can consist of a single word (examples: asteroid, Enron) or a phrase. For best results, enclose phrases in quotation marks (examples: “martial arts,” “Martin Luther King”).

AND retrieves documents that include both keywords connected by the AND operator; OR retrieves documents that contain at least one of the keywords connected by OR; NOT excludes documents that contain the keyword that follows the NOT operator.

Note: If new to Boolean searching, you may prefer to click the Build Boolean Search link (X) rather than typing a Boolean search query into the search text box. This link opens a Boolean search calculator where you can type each keyword into a text box and select each connective Boolean operator from a graphical list. The steps discussed below remain basically the same whether using the main search page or the separate Boolean search calculator to create your query.

2. Tell eLibrary CE which search query format you used by selecting either the Natural Language or Boolean Operator radio button (B). Natural Language is the default.

3. Check the types of media you want to search (C).

4. Click the search button (D). eLibrary CE searches the database for documents matching your search query, and displays a list of matching documents in the form of a results list (as discussed in Part 2).

Optional advanced search features

Advanced search offers additional search features that enable you to limit your search results to a particular date range, subject, publication, document title, and/or author.

In the example below, the advanced search Date Range field directs eLibrary CE to limit results to documents published in the last two years (E).

Part 2: Review Your Results List

After clicking the search button, a results list page appears, summarizing your search success and listing those documents that match your search query.

Parts of the results page

? **A** – The results summary shows you the number of documents found for each media type, and provides an option to sort the results list by media type. (Click a media type icon to bring corresponding results to the top of the results list.)

? **B** – The results list identifies each document that matches your search query.

? **C** – The sort by drop-down list provides options for sorting the results list. You can sort by relevancy to your search query (the default), publication date, document size, document Lexile/reading level, alphabetical by document title, and alphabetical by publication name.

? **D** – The refine search link provides allows you to refine/edit your current search query, or start over with a new search query.

? **E** – The view results navigation buttons allow you to view results in our general eLibrary database content, or see results from literature (ProQuest Learning Literature) or history (History Study Center) sources. Click each word to sort the list to show these items.

To view a document listed on the results page

1. Review your results list. If you don’t see a listing of interest right away, you may want to sort the list, refine your search query, or start a new search.
2. When you see a promising result listing, click the underlined title (B) to view the full document.
Part 3: Working With the Full Document

After clicking a document title in the results list, the full text of that document appears.

As wild populations falter and salmon farms go global, this noble sport fish has turned into the catch of the 21st century. Standing on a grassy bank of the River Deveron, Lord Marnoch, an eminent Scottish judge, is at a bit of a loss, and a hook to an Atlantic salmon. The creature struggling to dislodge Lord Marnoch from the bank of the Deveron, resided several years in the river, and has spent the past year fattening up in a Scottish salmon farm. As the creature struggles, the judge gets a better view of the salmon's fins.

Scroll through the document, or click go to best part (A) to jump to the text that most closely matches your search query.

To print, email, or add a document to your marked list, click the links across the top (B) to jump to those options.
Part 4: Working With History & Literature Results

As outlined above, when you complete a search you’ll notice the view results navigation buttons near the top. These buttons (tabs) allow you to view results in our general eLibrary database content, or see results from literature (ProQuest Learning Literature) or history (History Study Center) sources. Click each word to resort the list to show these items.

In this example, we conducted a search for William Shakespeare, then clicked the history and literature tabs at the top of the results screen.

When you click each history or literature result, the item will appear in a second browser window.

To return to your results, simply close this secondary window.