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Research Navigator™ for the Composition Classroom

The goal of Research Navigator™ is to help you understand the steps in the research process, so you can more confidently and efficiently complete research assignments.

Research Navigator™ includes three databases of credible and reliable source material:



EBSCO's Content Select Academic Journal Database, organized by subject, contains leading academic journals for that discipline. You can search the online journals by keyword, topic, or multiple topics. Articles include abstract and citation information and can be cut, pasted, emailed, or saved for later use.



The New York Times Search by Subject™ Archive is organized by academic subject and searchable by keyword, or multiple keywords. You can view full-text articles from the world's leading journalists from The New York Times. The New York Times Search by Subject™ Archive is available exclusively through Research Navigator™.

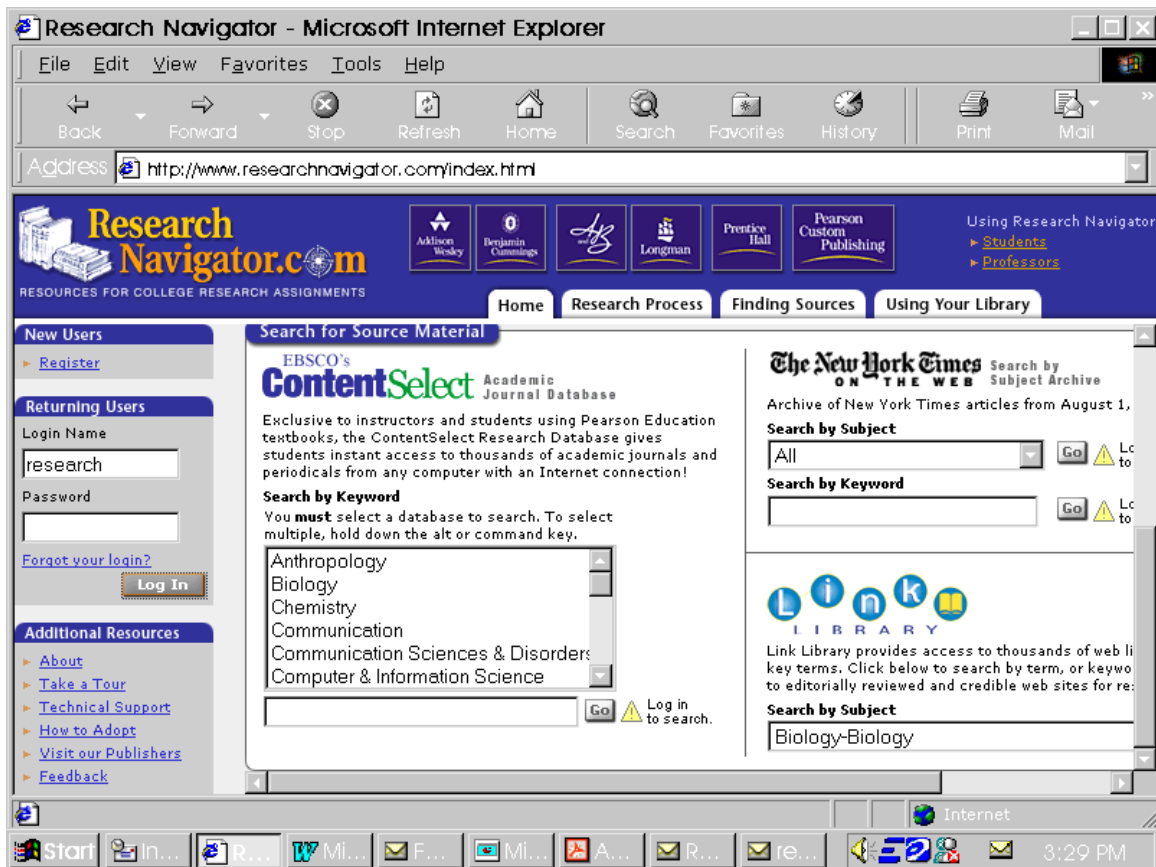


Link Library, organized by subject, offers editorially selected "best of the web" sites. Link Libraries are continually scanned and kept up to date providing the most relevant and accurate links for research assignments.

Understanding the Research Process:

In addition to these three databases, Research Navigator™ includes extensive online help detailing the steps in the research process including:

- Starting the Research Process
- Evaluating Sources
- Citing Sources
- Internet Research
- Using your Library for Research with library guides to 31 core disciplines. Each library guide includes an overview of major databases and online journals, key associations and newsgroups, and suggestions for further research. Print out the one for your subject and take it with you to the library!



Notice the left side of the screen. This is where **new users** and **returning users** log in. Once logged in, users can search the databases and access the information on the Research Process.

Let's assume that your Freshman Composition class is assigned a research paper. After becoming interested in welfare reform, you decide to write a research paper on welfare in the United States, and you have narrowed the topic to "Welfare to Work Programs – Is there a road out of poverty?"

How does Research Navigator™ help you?

First, you can search **EBSCO'S Content Select Academic Journal Database**. For the topic of "Welfare to Work Programs" several databases will contain information, and you must select a specific database from which to search. For instance, you can select any of these databases for your search: *Finance and Economics*, *General Interest*, *Helping Professions and Sociology*; and use the "Welfare to Work Programs" for the key word search. **For an example of what you might find, select the Sociology Database and fill in the key word search: Welfare to Work Programs.**

Second, you can use **The New York Times Search by Subject Archive** to find a variety of related articles. **For an example of what you would find in this search, select "All" in the "Search by Subject" field and then, type "Welfare to Work Programs" in the "Search by Key Word" field.** Once the search is complete, you can pick the articles most relevant for the topic.

Third, you can access **Link Library**, organized by subject, to find credible web sites with related information. **For the topic of “Welfare to Work Programs,” under “Search by subject” select Sociology. Once the Sociology is open, click on a letter to access the corresponding links, in this case, select “P” for poverty.** You are given links to credible web sites such as the U.S. Census Bureau and The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Lastly, if you need help with the research process, access to **“Understanding the research process”** is provided. This area of Research Navigator™ provides extensive, step-by-step, online help with the Research Process.