

## Welcome to Thomson Gale PowerSearch!

An exciting new research experience that makes it possible for users to search across their collections of Thomson Gale databases - quickly and efficiently - with a single query.

### Getting Started - Selecting Databases to Search

Search multiple Thomson Gale database collections with a single query using the cross-search feature.

- Click the link to your Thomson Gale collections - See a listing of the Thomson Gale collections to which your library subscribes. Databases that may be included in a cross-search are listed first.
- Select one or more databases to include in your search, or click **Select All** to include all the cross-searchable collections
- Click the **Submit** button when you have finished making your selections.

[Important Notice to Freelancers Regarding the Tasini Decision](#)

Users can access individual databases, or choose to search across multiple databases.

Cross Searchable Databases		<a href="#">Additional Databases</a>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Select the databases you wish to search.	
Select All	<input type="button" value="Select"/>	<input type="button" value="Cancel"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Academic ASAP</b> 1980 - May 2005 Use this database to find full-text periodical articles on: Current Events, Economics, Education, History, Humanities, Literature and Art, Political Science, Psychology, Religion, Sociology, and more.	<a href="#">Less Info</a> <a href="#">Title List</a>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Business and Company ASAP</b> 1980 - May 2005 Providing researchers with information on companies, markets and industries. From market trends, mergers and acquisitions to current management theory and company overviews. Access business and trade journals, newspapers and company directory profiles with full text and images.	<a href="#">Less Info</a> <a href="#">Title List</a>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Computer Database</b> 1980 - May 2005 Use this database to find computer-related product introductions, news and reviews in areas such as hardware, software, electronics, engineering, communications and the application of technology.	<a href="#">Less Info</a> <a href="#">Title List</a>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>European Business ASAP</b> 1983 - May 2005 Use this database to find articles on: Finance, Acquisitions and Mergers, International Trade, Money Management, New Technologies and Products, Local and Regional Business Trends, Investments and Banking.	<a href="#">Less Info</a> <a href="#">Title List</a>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Expanded Academic ASAP</b> 1980 - May 2005 From arts and the humanities to social sciences, science and technology, this database meets research needs across all academic disciplines. Access scholarly journals, news magazines, and newspapers - many with full text and images!	<a href="#">Less Info</a> <a href="#">Title List</a>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Gale Virtual Reference Library</b> Gale Virtual Reference Library is a database of encyclopedias and specialized reference sources for multidisciplinary research. These reference materials once were accessible only in the library, but now you can access them online from the library or remotely 24/7. Because each library creates its own eBook collection, the content you see may vary if you use the database at different libraries (your school, your public library, or your office).	<a href="#">Less Info</a> <a href="#">Title List</a>

### Search Options

You will find links to each of these searches at the top of the screen once you visit a collection. Each search is designed to give different types of results

- **Basic Search** – Subject, Keyword, Full text
- **Subject Guide Search**
- **Publication Search**
- **Advanced Search**
- **CCL Advanced Search**

## Basic Search - Subject

- A good search to use when beginning your research
- Searches for documents about a particular topic or theme
- Look for companies, events, laws, geographic locations, organizations, people, academic disciplines etc.
- Best to search for only one or two words
- Searches a hierarchical 'subject guide' - developed by Thomson Gale editors
- The system finds subjects that have all the words you typed in them. If it succeeds, you will see the Subject Guide, which is a list of all the subject entries that your words show up in

**Examples:** fashion / respiration / modern art / tourism / pollution / advertising / Brazil

## Basic Search - Keyword

- Broader than a Subject search
- Searches key fields, including titles, introductory text, authors, AND subject terms.
- Does NOT search all the text of a document (the full document)

**Examples:** Boston matrix / antivirus / foster care / mass media / drug abuse / cloning

## Basic Search - Full text

- This search is the broadest search
- Searches the entire text of all documents in the database
- PLUS searches fields of information included in the Keyword/Subject searches
- This is a good search to use if you are looking for a particular line of text or an unusual phrase
- Use speech marks to look for an exact phrase “ “

**Examples:** “Human Resource Management” / eating n3 disorder / “pay per view”

## Limit your Search?

Narrow your search, to get more accurate results

- By **full text documents** only - eliminates any reference-only and abstract-only articles
- By **peer-reviewed titles** - to select only scholarly journals
- By **date** - you may only want documents written in the past two years, or on a certain day
- By **title of the publication** - Browse to view titles you may want limit your search to
- And more... depending upon which databases your library subscribes to

## Subject Guide Search

- Browse a listing of subjects, people, products, locations and organizations that contain the word or words you entered
- Best to search for only one or two words
- Searches a hierarchical 'subject guide' developed by Thomson Gale editors
- From the results list of subject containing your word, select a subject term and see a results list of citations
- Or navigate through the Subject Guide by selecting subdivision and related subjects links

### **Examples:**

Renaissance / demography / Pacific Rim / child psychology / homelessness / computer crimes

## Publication Search

- Search for publications by title to view all editions in the database (journals, newspapers reference works and more – depending upon the collection your library subscribes to)
- Enter all / part of the publication name
- View information, such as ISSN/ISBN, publisher, and coverage information
- Select a publication then narrow your search to a specific edition, volume, or issue then see results and documents for that title

### **Examples:**

“History Review” / “Review of English Studies” – Will exactly search for these publication titles  
 Psychology / comput\* / nursing / music – Will find all publications with these words in the title

## Advanced Search

- Allows you to build as simple or as complex a search as you want
- Search for terms (consisting of one or more words) from one 'index' or from multiple indexes linked by logical Boolean operators (AND, OR, NOT)
- Every document is indexed using information about that document, such as author, title, date of publication, subject etc. Documents are generally also indexed by keywords
- You can 'browse' some indexes to see a listing of what they contain
- Add more rows or use search limiters if required
- Use the **CCL Advanced Search** if you are experienced at searching, and prefer to structure your search query more like a programming code instruction

### **Examples:**

Keyword (ke) global warming AND Text Word (tx) gulf stream  
 Text Word (tx) Nineteen Eighty Four AND Journal (jnl) Essays in criticism  
 Subject (su) apartheid AND Text Word (tx) Nelson Mandela

## Search Results

- A successful search produces a results list of citations matching your search criteria
- Each citation on the results list provides a brief reference to a document
- See key publication information and display icons, or links that summarize content and retrieval options available
- ‘Tabs’ separate the different content types, depending upon what your library subscribes to
- Sort results or use search limiters to narrow results
- You may see a list of subject terms relevant to your search to the left of the screen

The screenshot shows the InfoTrac OneFile search results page. At the top, there are navigation links for 'Basic Search', 'Subject Guide Search', 'Publication Search', and 'Advanced Search'. Below this is a search bar with the keyword 'DNA' and a 'SEARCH' button. The results are displayed in a list format, with two main entries visible. Each entry includes a title, a brief description, and a list of links for further actions like 'Full-text', 'About this publication', and 'How to Cite'. The page also features a sidebar with 'SUBJECT TERMS' related to DNA, such as 'DNA Analyzers', 'DNA Cloning', and 'DNA Consulting Ltd.'.

## Viewing a document

- A document can be citations, abstracts, full-text articles, essays, reports, and other text materials; multimedia content; and pages containing links to external Web sites
- Click the links to access a document
- Search terms may be highlighted
- Documents may contain images

## Managing documents

See the icons on the screen that allow you to:

- Print, email or download documents
- ‘Mark’ documents to collect together your own list of relevant articles
- ‘InfoMark’ documents to re-visit almost any page, after you have ended your current session, and to embed link to these pages into web pages, Word documents or VLEs

