

Self-guided tour/Do-it-yourself quiz

Welcome to your guided tour of EBSCO*host.* This exercise is designed to provide the basic skills necessary to navigate EBSCO*host* databases and find valuable information about many of the subjects



studied in your daily classes. Simply follow the instructions and answer the questions.

Starting Off – Here's a look at the "Basic" search screen, of EBSCO*host*.

If you have ever used an internet search engine you can use EBSCO*host*. It's just as easy – if not easier. But unlike a search engine, the information you'll

find here is far more reliable and factual because it comes from trusted magazines, encyclopedias, books, and other sources – sources approved by your instructor. Look around the home page and fill in 5 options or features you see.

Searching/Results – The most important feature on the home page is the search box. Although you have additional options available (just click "Search Options"), the easiest way to start a search is by entering a word or phrase here. Let's try it. Type "hybrid vehicles," and click **Search**. Next you'll see a

screen that looks like the picture at right. This is the results page. In the middle of the page is a list of articles related to your search terms. Results are typically sorted by relevance, starting with the most recent, but the Relevance **Sort** dropdown menu (see center above your results) can also be used to arrange results according to:





gives you still more search options depending on your school's databases. Under Related Information you'll see a section titled Related Images. Use your mouse to scroll over one of the pictures. What happens?



Now it's time to explore a full record or citation. This is the expanded/complete version of a result. Choose an article you'd like to read more about, and click the title. All have sections called fields which contain specific information.

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Now name 3 more fields found in your citation: _

Many fields contain links which perform helpful functions. Clicking the author's name, for instance, generates a result list made up of articles written by that author. Clicking the **Source** title takes you to a page with information about the chosen publication, including details on the publisher, a description of the publication, and a searchable/chronological list of issues and volumes contained in the database. Clicking any of the **Subject Terms**, refines and narrows your result to include only articles that fall under that heading. Below, list at least 3 Subject Terms from your citation.

_ (Note: If your citation does not contain

Subject Terms, use the arrows in the upper left of your citation to scan the preceding or succeeding articles.)



If the full text of your article is available, you will see one or both of the icons shown at left. **HTML Full Text** displays the text beneath the citation in the plain HTML format. **PDF Full Text** shows the article as it originally appeared in the magazine, journal, encyclopedia or other publication, including photos, charts, and graphics.

Additional Options - Next let's look at the icons in the right column of your citation. You should see the 6 pictured at the right. What does each of these tools do?

Each of these functions is extremely useful for homework, school projects, group projects, and other assignments. They can be used to save articles for future reference, print them, even send to a classmate. If you are required to provide a bibliography or footnotes, the icon that looks like a yellow sheet of paper can be

especially helpful. Click on it and a pop-up window appears with 6 of the most widely used styles of citation. Name all 6 below:

Storing /Saving - The folder icon at the top represents a built-in system for saving articles, searches, images, and other content. Click the folder in your citation. You'll see it change to the icon at right. This indicates that you now have an item added to your folder.

To the right of the citation you'll see a yellow bar with the words "Folder has items" and the title of the article you added. If you glance toward the top right of your screen (in the blue bar) you'll see a similar, but smaller, icon with the word "Folder" next to it. Click this icon to open your folder. You'll see your chosen article(s) has been stored for future reference.

You can refer back to this folder as many times as you like during your session. But what happens after your session has ended? That's where **My EBSCO***host* comes in. If you look at the top of your screen (also in the blue bar), you will see a link that reads "Sign

In" (see image). Just by clicking this link and entering a few pieces of information such as your name, email address, and a user ID and password, you can register for your own account which you can access any time you login. Once you've signed into My EBSCO*host,* you can view all saved articles, images, and videos, set up folders and subfolders for multiple projects, even share folders with classmates and instructors. You can return to your folders anytime you login to My EBSCO*host.*

This concludes your basic tour of EBSCO*host*. Please feel free to explore the interface, ask your instructor if you have further questions, or visit <u>http://support.ebsco.com</u>.







Question 1 - Home page features

Possible answers: 1) EBSCOhost logo/reset button 2) Choose Databases link 3) Search/text box 4) Search Options 5) Advanced Search 6) Visual Search 7) Search History/Alerts 8) Preferences 9) Search button 10) Clear button 11) Question mark (Help) button 12) Keyword link/reset 13) Subjects Authority file 14) Dictionary 15) Publications 16) More 17) Sign In to My EBSCOhost 18) Folder 19) New Features! 20) Help

Note: 12 through 20 are located in the blue bar at the top of the screen

Question 2 – Relevance Sort dropdown

Answers: Date Ascending, Date Descending, Source, Author

Question 3 – Narrow Results By

Answers: Will Vary

Question 4 – Magnifier icon

Answer: A pop-up window appears with an abbreviated citation

Question 5 – Related Images

Answer: An enlarged version of the photo appears

Question 6 – Title, Author and Source

Answer: Will vary

Question 7 – Citation fields

Possible answers: 1) Document Type 2) Subject Terms 3) Geographic Terms 4) Abstract 5) ISSN 6) Accession Number 7) Persistent link to this record 8) Database 9) Images (if applicable)

Question 8 – Subject Terms

Answer: Will vary

Question 9 – Icons

Answer: 1) Print 2) E-mail 3) Save 4) Cite this article 5) Export to Bibliographic Manager 6) Add to folder

Question 10 – Citation Formats

Answer: 1) AMA 2) APA 3) Chicago/Turabian: Author-Date 4) Chicago/Turabian: Humanities 5) MLA 6) Vancouver/ICMJE

NOTE: Depending on database settings, results for some questions may differ slightly from those listed in this document.