

# Persuasion Topics

## Print and Electronic Sources

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**Lake County Public Library eLibrary Card** ... provides access to many electronic sources, including electronic databases for school research

What are electronic databases?

An **electronic database** is a searchable collection of resources, including articles from academic journals, magazines, and other materials.

Think of it as a searchable collection of reliable articles.



OK, but what are Academic Journals?

“Academic journals” are also called peer-reviewed, scholarly, or professional journals.

Academic journals are usually focused on one particular field of study: medical journals, science journals, etc.

*Collections of articles:* **Research articles written for academic journals are heavily reviewed and revised by subject experts before being accepted for publication.**

Articles, like ones you probably read or hear about on the news, routinely cite studies published in academic journals.

## Internet Search Engine 😞

The Internet is a vast sea of information (and misinformation) with **no organization**.

While there are exceptions, information on the Internet is generally **not evaluated for accuracy** and may be incorrect, misleading, or biased.

A search engine (like Google) often returns an **overwhelming number of results** with no quick way to narrow them down or ensure they relate to your topic.

Websites come and go.

Difficult to cite.

## Electronic Databases 😊

Paid for by the library so you have free access to **high-quality, reliable information**.

Content is **evaluated for accuracy**.

Information is **stable**.


You can find databases relating specifically to your topic.

Electronic databases offer options to limit or expand your search to find the articles you need.

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High-quality information and easy to cite!

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### Plastic Waste

OVERVIEW



Ocean Cleanup Tests Design to Reduce Pacific Plastic Waste

Plastics are a type of synthetic material widely used in manufacturing, packaging, and consumer goods. The most commonly used plastic, *polyethylene*, became available for commercial use in the United States in the 1950s. Technical advances led to the creation of different types of polyethylene with unique properties and characteristics that make it suitable for producing a wide variety of goods. Polyethylene can be found in packing materials, toys, bulletproof vests, carpeting, golf balls, and automobile parts, among many other objects. Plastic's relative affordability and pliability have historically made it a popular material among manufacturers.


Having become an integral part of life by the late twentieth century, many people used plastic with little consideration for its impacts on society and the...

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- Whether or not it's peer-reviewed (written by AND reviewed by experts in the field before publication)

## U.S. Tied to Larger Share Of Plastic Waste in Seas

Author: Veronica Penney  
From: The New York Times

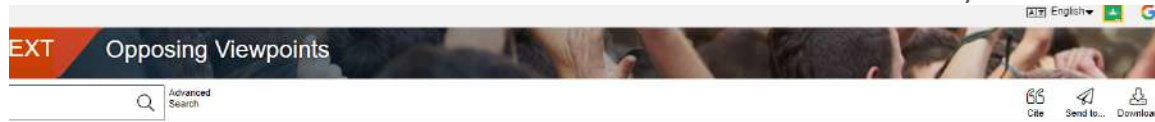
Oct. 31, 2020 672 words Article 1470L

## Exploring the long-term effect of plastic on compost microbiome.

Authors: Ebenezer Oluwaseun Esan, Lord Abbey, and Svetlana Yurgel  
From: PLoS ONE (Vol. 14, Issue 3) Peer-Reviewed


Mar. 25, 2019 6,409 words Report 1470L

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## Every human should be alarmed by the plastic crisis in our oceans




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Publisher: The Washington Post



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Lexile Measure: 1110L





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"WITHOUT CHANGE," warns a bipartisan group of senators, "there will be more plastic by weight than fish in the oceans by 2050." Some of the signs of this growing crisis are visible: sea turtles caught in discarded fishing nets; piles of trash floating in the ocean; birds and fish stranded in plastic six-pack rings.

But much of the trash in the ocean is not so obvious. National Geographic reports that the iconic Great Pacific Garbage Patch -- also known as the Pacific trash vortex -- is really more of a soup of small plastic particles the sun has broken down, punctuated by larger items such as fishing nets and shoes. Much of the trash is dumped into the sea from ships. But most comes from land: bottles, cups, bags. The sun breaks down these items, but they do not really biodegrade. Instead, they enter animals' bodies, killing the animals immediately or entering marine food chains. These "microplastics" also block sunlight from supporting plankton and other backbone ecosystem species.

Ocean currents transport trash from shore to the middle of the ocean, but the problem is by no means distant and isolated. Researchers announced in June that they had found microplastic particles off California's idyllic Monterey Bay. And not just on the surface; the researchers found microplastics in

### EXPLORE

**More Like This**

We Are Creating Oceans of Plastic in the Ocean  
Gale Opposing Viewpoints Online Collection, 2018.

U.N. report: Our oceans are trashed with plastic  
CNN Wire, June 24, 2014.

Workblog: 'Oceans now contain 5 trillion pieces of floating plastic.'  
The Washington Post, Dec. 10, 2014.

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Can be helpful for finding articles, though many may not have the full text of the article available for free

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*by Heidi Meyer*

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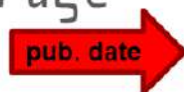
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