



How to Search MasterFile Premier and Academic Search Premier

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MasterFile Premier

Use this database when you want to find full text magazine and peer-reviewed journal articles.

Academic Search Premier

Use this database when looking for full text articles from peer-reviewed journals.

Step 1 - Access MasterFile Premier and Academic Search Premier

1. From the QVCC Library Website, under the **Research** menu click **Find Articles in Databases**.
2. Click **ALL SUBJECTS – MAGAZINE & JOURNAL ARTICLES**.
3. Find the link to **MasterFile Premier or Academic Search Premier** at the top of the list.
4. If you are off-campus, you will find databases by clicking the **Library** tab in **myCommNet**.

Step 2 – Search for Your Topic

- Limit your results to Full Text before you begin your search.

Limit your results

Full Text



- If your topic is too broad your results will yield hundreds of articles. To narrow your results and find more relevant articles, you can search for multiple keywords at the same time. Add keywords by inserting the word **and** in between them.

1 keyword

Searching: **MasterFILE Premier** | [Choose Databases >](#)

gangs

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2 keywords

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gangs and cities

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1 phrase

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gang warfare

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1 phrase and
1 keyword

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Step 3 – Understanding the results list

Here's an example of results from the search for the phrase **gang warfare**.

The screenshot shows two search results. Callout boxes point to various parts of the interface:

- Author:** Points to the author information for the first article.
- Length of article:** Points to the page count information for the first article.
- Summary of article:** Points to the abstract text of the first article.
- Read or print the article:** Points to the 'PDF Full Text' link for the first article.
- Title of magazine:** Points to the magazine title 'Newweek (Atlantic Edition)' for the second article.
- Title of the article:** Points to the article title 'The Gangs of Beirut'.
- Click here to see the citation screen:** Points to the article title 'The Gangs of Beirut'.
- Save articles during your search:** Points to the 'Add to folder' link for the second article.

Step 4 – Print the citation screen

It's a good idea to print the citation screen for bibliographies and Works Cited pages.

The screenshot shows a detailed citation screen for the article 'Gang Warfare'. Callout boxes highlight specific features:

- You can borrow subject terms to improve your search:** Points to the 'Subject Terms' section, which lists terms like GANGS, MINORITY gangs, SOCIAL groups, GLASS, Hunter, and ARMED Forces.
- Print, email, save, cite, and store articles:** Points to the toolbar at the top right of the citation screen, which contains icons for printing, emailing, saving, and other actions.