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## Ohlone College Library Resources – Research Practice for Speech 101

### Sources of Information

Practice finding different sources of information about a research topic using resources available through the Ohlone College Library.

### American Psychological Association (APA)

In this exercise, you will create APA citations for various sources of information. If you need help creating APA style citations, please refer to the “Sample Works Cited Entries: APA Format (6<sup>th</sup> ed.)” at:

<http://www2.ohlone.edu/org/library/APA6th.pdf>

### WHAT IS YOUR RESEARCH TOPIC?

### PRACTICE SEARCHING FOR REFERENCE SOURCES

#### Follow these instructions:

- ✓ Start at the Ohlone College Library home page: <http://www.ohlone.edu/org/library/>
- ✓ Click on the “Find eBooks” link.
- ✓ Click on *Gale Virtual Reference Library* and search for two reference sources on your topic.
- ✓ Use APA style to cite the two sources that are most relevant to your topic. To cite an article from the *Gale Virtual Reference Library*, refer to the example under “Books and Electronic Books” on the Library’s “Sample References Entries” guide.

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## PRACTICE SEARCHING FOR BOOKS

### Print Books & Electronic Books

#### Follow these instructions:

- ✓ Start at the Ohlone College Library home page: <http://www.ohlone.edu/org/library/>
- ✓ Look for 2 books on your topic by typing keywords into the “Search HANS for books” box.
- ✓ Note that you can filter your search by print or electronic formats.
- ✓ Use APA style to cite the two books (either print or electronic) that are most relevant to your research topic. To cite books, refer to the example under “Books & Electronic Books” on the Library’s “Sample Works Cited Entries” guide. <http://www2.ohlone.edu/org/library/APA6th.pdf>

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## DETERMINE THE BEST DATABASES FOR YOUR RESEARCH TOPIC

#### Follow these instructions:

- ✓ Start at the Ohlone College Library home page: <http://www2.ohlone.edu/org/library/>
- ✓ Click on “Search for Articles.”

1) The Ohlone College Library subscribes to a variety of periodical databases. The databases are grouped by the categories listed below. Circle or highlight the best category for your topic.

General	Arts & Humanities	Business & Economics	Education	Health & Medicine
Literature	News	Science & Technology	Social Sciences	Vocational

2) On the “Library Databases” page, <http://www2.ohlone.edu/org/library/databases.html>, click on the “Learn More” button to the right of the database title. Based on the descriptions, which do you think will be the 2 best databases in which to find information about your topic?

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## **PRACTICE SEARCHING PERIODICAL DATABASES**

To cite articles retrieved from an electronic database, refer to the example under “Magazine, Journal, and Newspaper Articles” on the Library’s “Sample Works Cited Entries” guide.

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1) Use the multi-disciplinary database EbscoHost’s *Academic Search Premier* to find an article about your research topic. Use APA style to cite the article.

2) Use the *SIRS Knowledge Source* database to find an article that is relevant to your research topic. Use APA style to cite the article.

3) Use a database of your choice from the Ohlone College Library to find an article about your research topic. Use APA style to cite the article.