

## Senior Project Research – Databases

**Today's assignment** – Email [powayhslibrary@gmail.com](mailto:powayhslibrary@gmail.com) 3 MLA citations for database articles you could use in your paper. In **subject line** list your name, teacher, period. In **message** describe briefly your paper's topic.

| Search Functions      | GALE   | CQ Researcher              | EBSCO – Points of View   |
|-----------------------|--|----------------------------|--|
| Controlled Vocabulary | Subject terms, Subject Guide Search  | Browse by Topic            | Category, then more specific Topic   |
| Wildcards             | * used for any number of characters after 1 <sup>st</sup> 3 letters of a word.<br>? exactly one character, use for uncertain spelling<br>! one or no characters, use for plurals | *, ?                       | *, ?<br>Singular form of word always brings up plurals as well but not vice versa. |
| Phrase Searching      | "sink or swim"<br>"wind turbine"<br>"wind turbines"<br><br>No wildcards with phrase searching.   | "wind turbine*"            | "wind turbine"   |
| Boolean Operators     | AND NOT OR   | AND = space NOT OR         | AND NOT OR   |
| Nesting               | wildcards, proximity, not , and, or  | parentheses                | parentheses<br>(wind AND (energy OR plant))AND renewable                           |
| Proximity Searching   | w# within # of words after<br>wind w2 plants<br>n# word occurs # in either direction<br>energy n5 renewable<br>No wildcards, phrasing or parentheses.                            | w/5                        | w#<br>n#   |
| Limiting              | article type, full-text, image, date, peer reviewed  | date, sections             | Cover story, full-text, peer reviewed, date, # of pages                            |
| Keeping Current       | RSS feed or Infomark   | Email alert                | RSS feed or save search  |
| Viewing Results       | Tab across and page down   | Issue tracker and sections | All results or tab across formats , then page down                                 |

