Using Databases for Research

***Woodbridge High School Databases***

1. Go to the Library website. (This is the homepage on library computers!)
2. If you are not in the library, go to <http://www.woodbridge.k12.nj.us//Domain/960>
3. Click on the “Research Resources” tab on the left hand side of the screen.

**Gale Database Access**

1. If you are accessing this database in school, you will not need the password!
2. If you are working from home, enter the password: **wood22249** (or **lupo**)
3. You will come to a list of databases, click on the name of the database you’d like to use.
4. Type your search terms in the search box (just like using Google).
5. Through Gale you have access to the following databases:
	1. **Custom Newspapers** (Social Studies, current events, all subjects)
	2. **Literature Resource Center** (English and literature)
	3. **Opposing Viewpoints in Context** (Pros and cons)

***Woodbridge Public Library Database***

**EBSCOHost Database Access**

1. Our access is through the Public Library. (<http://www.woodbridge.lib.nj.us/databases>)
2. Use the public library card number **29330002540852** and, if asked, the pin#: **4550**.
3. Scroll down to the box labeled EBSCOHost (3/4 of the way down the page).
4. Through **EBSCOHost** you have FREE access to:
	1. **Academic Search Premier**(All subjects)
5. **Biography Collection Complete**
6. **Business Source Elite**
7. **ERIC** (Education Resource Information Center)
8. **GreenFILE** (human impact on the environment)
9. **HealthSource** (health and wellness)
10. **Literary Reference Center**
11. **MAS Ultra**(All subjects, including magazines and primary sources)
12. **MasterFILE Elite** (All subjects, including magazines and primary sources)
13. **Newswires** (Worldwide news, but only from the past 30 days)
14. **Newspaper Source Plus** (All subjects, including television and radio transcript)
15. **Teacher Reference Center** (Resources for teachers)
16. **WebNews** (Top news feeds from around the globe)

There are even more databases you can access through the public library that are not a part of EBSCOHost. Use the public library card number **29330002540860** and, if asked, the pin#: **4550**. This card number is good for online database access and eBooks but no physical book borrowing.

* 1. **America’s News**(All subjects)
	2. **Driving Tests** (driving practice tests, manuals, and FAQs)
	3. **FactsonFile** (History, literature, health, and science)
	4. **Ferguson’s Career Guidance Center**
	5. **Gale Health and Wellness Resource Center**
	6. **Home News Tribune & NY Times**
	7. **Job & Career Accelerator**
	8. **Learning Express Library** (free practice exams like SAT and ACT)
	9. **Legal Information Reference Center**
	10. **Literature Resource Center**
	11. **Mango Languages** (Learn one of 40 languages.)
	12. **Marquis Biographies Online**
	13. **New Jersey & New York Newspapers**
	14. **NoveList** (Reading recommendations and reviews)
	15. **Rosetta Stone** (Learn a new language.)
	16. **Statistical Abstract of the US** (Social, economic, & political information)
	17. **PsychArticles** (psychology and science related articles)
	18. **Scholastic Go! Grolier** (all subjects, plus information in Spanish)
	19. **Standard & Poor’s NetAdvantage** (Business, finance, and investments)
	20. **Statistical Abstract of the US** (stats from 1878 to present)

**Remember Your Citations!**

* At WHS, we use MLA (Modern Language Association) style citations in our papers.
* Every database article will have a complete, MLA citation at the bottom, so be sure to either print the page or copy down the citation for later.
* If you are using a resource that does not have a citation, use [www.citethisforme.com](http://www.citethisforme.com)
	+ It will walk you through creating an MLA citation for any resource.
	+ Under “Manage Bibliography”, choose “Citation Style: MLA”.
	+ Then under “Add Citation”, choose the type of material you have. (Like a book.)
	+ The default options are “Book”, “Journal Article”, “Newspaper Article”, and “Website”, but you can click on “More” if your resource does not fit into any of these four categories.
	+ You can search for your resource by ISBN number (the barcode number on the back of the book), title, or author.
	+ If you cannot find your resource that way, there is the option to “Add Manually”. The site will then only ask for the pieces of information it needs.
	+ When you’re done, click the “Download Bibliography” button. You can choose to “Copy and Paste”, “Download to Word”, or “Send to Email”.