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### 1. **EBSCO** - <http://search.ebscohost.com/>

A great place to start your research is EBSCO, which is actually a group of multi-disciplinary databases that provides full-text articles for thousands titles. In EBSCO's family of databases, you'll find a variety of sources including journals, magazines, and even e-books. One of the most popular databases in EBSCO's suite is "Explora Secondary School," which is the most comprehensive — and often the best — starting point for general research in any subject area.

If you're looking for sources in a specialized field, on the other hand, EBSCO also allows you to choose which database to search for your subject, such as the "Literary Reference Center" and "Points of View".

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### 2. **Bloom's Literature (Facts on File-Infobase Learning)** - <http://online.infobase.com/HRC/Browse/Product/12>

The Bloom's library of literary criticism presents expert analysis, by world-renowned scholar Harold Bloom, of the writers and works most often studied in high schools and universities. Professor Bloom has been an original mind and provocative presence on the international library scene for more than 50 years, and his hundreds of critical volumes illuminate the major achievements of the Western literary tradition. The Bloom's eBooks and database are essential to every student of literature.

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### 3. SIRS ProQuest (Issues Researcher) -

<http://sks.sirs.com/webapp/login>

**SIRS® Issues Researcher** provides background and current analysis necessary for the research and understanding of 356+ current and pervasive Leading Issues. Analysis and opinions cover the pros, cons, and everything in between on the most researched and debated social issues.

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### 4. Learn 360 - [http://learn360.infobase.com/p\\_Home.aspx](http://learn360.infobase.com/p_Home.aspx)

Learn360 is an interactive media-on-demand service for the K-12 education market, providing teachers and students the power to meet and exceed 21st-century educational expectations across all curriculums. Through streaming video, audio, and accompanying support materials, Learn360 supports web-based learning by providing an online collaborative environment where users can share information and ideas anytime, anywhere.

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### 5. JSTOR - <http://www.jstor.org/>

Short for “Journal Storage,” JSTOR is a shared, digital library created to free up shelf space in college libraries by converting print content into electronic form. This database digitally houses an extensive archive of journals, books, and primary sources in nearly any area of the arts and sciences — including history, language, literature, art, film, performing arts, philosophy, sociology, and other humanities topics — dating back to the first volume ever published. All resources in JSTOR are full-text, scholarly, and academic.

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## The Top Free Online Journal and Research Databases

### LITERATURE, SOCIAL SCIENCE AND HUMANITIES

#### 1. CORE



CORE is a multidisciplinary aggregator of open access research. It allows users to search more than 66 million open access articles. While most of these link to the full-text article on the original publisher's site, five million records are hosted directly on CORE.

CORE's mission is to aggregate all open access research outputs from repositories and journals worldwide and make them available to the public. In this way CORE facilitates free unrestricted access to research for all.

<https://core.ac.uk/>

#### 2. Directory of Open Access Journals



A multidisciplinary, community-curated directory, the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) gives researchers access to high-quality, peer-reviewed journals. It has archived more than two million articles from 9,519 journals, allowing you to either browse by subject or search by keyword.

The site was launched in 2003 with the aim of increasing the visibility of open access scholarly journals. Content on the site covers subjects from science to law to fine arts and everything in between.

<https://doaj.org/>

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### 3. Social Science Research Network

The Social Science Research Network (SSRN) is a collection of papers from the social sciences community. The site offers more than 700,000 abstracts and more than 600,000 full-text papers.

There is not yet a specific option to search for only full-text articles, but because most of the papers on the site are free access, it is not often that you encounter a paywall. You must become a member to use the services, but registration is free and enables you to interact with other scholars around the world.

<https://www.ssrn.com/en/>

### 4. Bielefeld Academic Search Engine



The Bielefeld Academic Search Engine (BASE) is operated by the Bielefeld University Library in Germany, and it offers more than 100 million documents from more than 4,000 sources. Sixty percent of its content is open access, and you can filter your search accordingly.

<https://www.base-search.net/>

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## MATH & SCIENCE

### 5. Public Library of Science



Public Library of Science (PLOS) is a big player in the world of open access science. Publishing seven open access journals, the nonprofit organization is committed to facilitating openness in academic research. According to the site, "all PLOS content is at the highest possible level of open access, meaning that scientific articles are immediately and freely available to anyone, anywhere."

<https://www.plos.org/>

### 6. Dryad



Dryad is a digital repository of curated, open access scientific research. It is run by a not-for-profit membership organization that aims to "promote a world where research data is openly available, integrated with the scholarly literature, and routinely reused to create knowledge." It is free to access, but note that there is a publishing charge associated if you wish to publish your data in Dryad.

<http://www.datadryad.org/>

### 7. PubMed

PubMed, of the National Center for Biotechnology Information, is a very well-known research platform in the fields of science and medicine. It offers access to "more than 26 million citations for biomedical literature from MEDLINE, life science journals, and online books." While many resources are behind paywalls, you can filter your search to view free full texts only, making this an even more valuable resource.

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/>

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### 8. Semantic Scholar



A unique and easy-to-use resource, Semantic Scholar harnesses the power of artificial intelligence to efficiently sort through millions of science-related papers based on your search terms. According to the site, although some articles are behind paywalls, "the data [they] have for those articles is limited," so you can expect to receive mostly full-text results. Another feature is the extensive advanced search options, which allow you to search by cell type and brain region, among other things.

<https://www.semanticscholar.org/>

### 9. Zenodo



Taking its name from Zenodotus, the first librarian of the ancient library of Alexandria, Zenodo is a tool that was "built and developed by researchers, to ensure that everyone can join in open science." You can sort by keyword, title, journal, and more and download open access documents directly from the site.

<https://zenodo.org/>

### 10. ScienceOpen

Functioning as a research and publishing network, ScienceOpen offers open access to more than 28 million articles in all areas of science. Although you do need to register to view the full text of the articles, registration is free. The advanced search function is highly detailed, allowing you to find precisely the research you're looking for.

The Berlin- and Boston-based company was founded in 2013 with the goal to "facilitate open and public communications between academics and to allow ideas to be judged on their merit, regardless of where they come from."

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### 11. arXiv e-Print Archive

The arXiv e-Print Archive has been around since 1991 and is a well-known resource in the fields of mathematics and computer science. It is run by Cornell University Library and now offers open access to more than one million e-prints.

<https://arxiv.org/>

## ALL SUBJECT AREAS

### 12. Google Scholar

Google Scholar has been a secret weapon of students for years. Here you can search topics, and it will return relevant, reputable articles, journals, and research. Full texts are sometimes available, while others are behind paywalls on publishers' websites.

<https://scholar.google.com/>

### 13. Google Books

Google Books is a great way to search subjects, quotes, authors, and literary sources. Often, the full text will not be available, but you can search excerpts of books for your required information.

<https://books.google.com/>

### 14. The Library Of Congress

The U.S. Library of Congress Online Catalog provides access to hundreds of documents in various subjects, including newspapers, audio files, and government documents.

<https://www.loc.gov>