

The College of Alameda Library

ENG 1AS (Hansen-Little)

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Today's materials:

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Introduction to Library

Library Catalog

Article Databases

Citations

Plagiarism

Source Evaluation

Need library assistance?

<https://alameda.peralta.edu/library/>

Library Service Hours for Fall:

Mon. – Thurs.: 7:50 am – 7:50 pm

Fri.: 7:50 am – 3:50 pm

Book Checkout/Renewals help: call (510) 748-2120

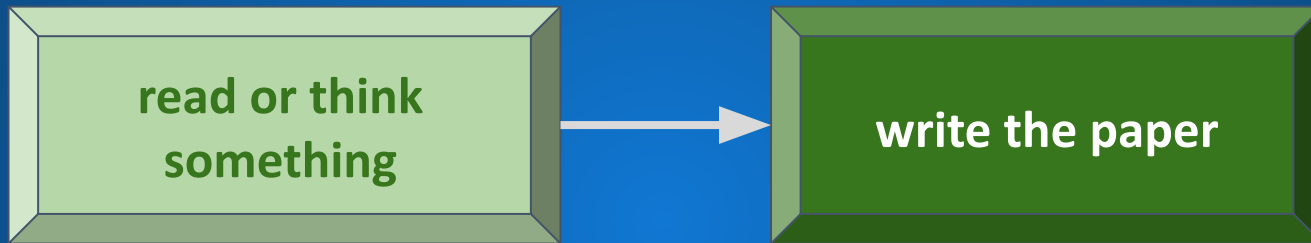
Reference help : “Chat With a Librarian” “Ask a CoA Librarian”
or coa-reference@peralta.edu



Your Personal Librarian: ME!

The screenshot shows the College of Alameda library website interface. On the left is a vertical navigation menu with icons and labels for: Account, Dashboard, Courses, Calendar, Inbox, Commons, Studio, Starfish, and Help. The main content area is titled 'COA Library' and lists various services: Online Tutoring, Outcomes, Files, Collaborations, Conferences, Rubrics, COA Online Counseling, Name Coach, Studio, and Settings. A 'Course Resources' section is expanded, showing a list of items: Syllabus and Handouts, General / Class FAQs, Notes (Oct 19 | 20 pts), Class Participation (Sep 16 | 13 pts), Extra Credit Opportunities, Education Extra Credit Project (Oct 21 | 15 pts), College of Alameda Library Website, Ask Amy the Librarian, and College of Alameda Catalog and College Policies. The 'Ask Amy the Librarian' link is circled in red.

The Research Process...*in our dreams*



The Research Process...*in reality*



Searching in the Library

Clues from professor/assignment

What types of sources? *Books, journals, academic, primary or secondary? Peer review?*

POPULAR	SCHOLARLY
General Audience	Specialists: Students, Researchers, Professionals
Broad Range of Topics	Specialized Topics
Written by Journalists/Writers	Written by Researchers Specializing in a Subject
Ads, Shorter Text, Photos, Graphics, Color, Attractive	No/Fewer Ads, Longer Text, Charts, Statistics, Maps, Serious
Newsweek, Sports Illustrated, People, Time	American Journal of Business, Water Science and Engineering

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What are the main concepts associated with your topic? *Textbooks, encyclopedia, hot topics (pro/con) databases*

Make a list of keywords (synonyms) *Thesaurus, online*

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Before You Search...

Does timing of the research matter?

Potential searches by Keyword, Subject, Title, Author, Course, etc.

Keyword: can be anything

Subject: Library of Congress Official Subject Heading

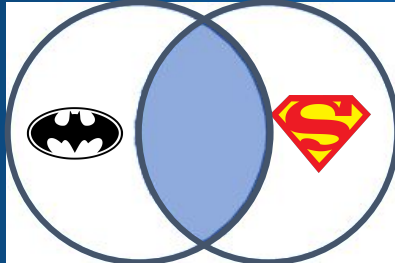
Refine results using Phrase Searches, Wildcards and Boolean Operators

Boolean



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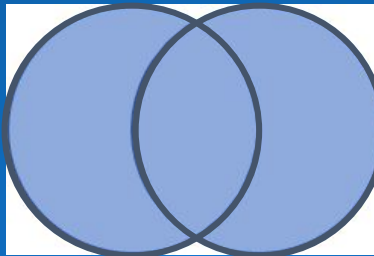
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Sources with both Batman and Superman

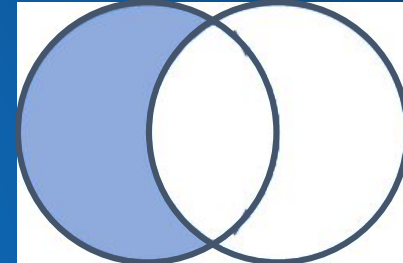
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Batman **OR** Superman

All about Batman
All about Superman
Sources with both

NOT



Batman **NOT** Superman

All about Batman, but not including anything mentioning Superman

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Taylor Swift vs “Taylor Swift”

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GENERAL:

Academic Search Complete

LITERATURE:

Literature Resource Center

HOT TOPICS/ISSUES:

Opposing Viewpoints