

Argumentative Research

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- *Library Web Site*
<https://library.kilgore.edu>
- *Send a question through Ask-A-Librarian, an email reference services.*
- *Call the library at 903-983-8237.*
- *Use the tutorials.*
- *Come by and speak with a librarian, for extra help.*

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Finding Resources

An excellent place to begin researching a topic for an argumentative or persuasive paper is the database **Opposing Viewpoints**. The great thing about Opposing Viewpoints is that it provides information on more than one side of a topic. Unfortunately, a limited number of patrons can use this database at the same time. So, if you can't get in on your first attempt, try again, later.

Other library databases will also have information beneficial to your research. Here are some databases you

might want to consider:

Academic Search Complete: Contains information on just about any topic.

Global Issues in Context: From the same company as Opposing Viewpoints, this database gives information on more than one side of an issue.

Health Source: Consumer: Use this or any databases containing the word "health" for medical topics.

If your topic is more than one word long, try putting it in quotation marks. This

tells the database to search for the words as a phrase. Mark the **Full Text** box, if you want to see the entire article.

Printing

To print from the library computers, deposit money in your printing account at the Circulation Desk. One-sided prints per page are:

Black and White—10 cents

Color—25 cents

Copies

The copier is on the second floor. Use the money on your print account.

Accessing the Library Off-Campus

You can access the databases at home, if you have an internet connection. Just go to our website at <http://library.kilgore.edu>. Click on **Databases** under the Search Resources box. Select the letter that corre-

sponds to the database you want to use. As you proceed, a screen will appear asking for your username and password. Your **username** is made up of the first four letters of your

last name, the first four letters of your first name, and the last four digits of your KC ID.

Your **password** is Student with your 4-digit month and day of birth.

A Few Suggestions



Some of you may be re-searching ethical issues. It might be beneficial to look in the index in the back of a book on your topic for the word “ethics”.

When you do a search in the databases, try including “ethics” in your search, i.e., “euthanasia AND ethics.” Or, try adding other terms, i.e., “obesity AND college”.

The **Academic Search Complete** and **Academic OneFile** databases are good to use, if you are uncertain of where to find information on your topic. These databases contain information on just about every topic imaginable.

When arguing a point, it can be helpful to look into the history involved. For exam-

ple, are the reasons for initiating a certain program as valid today as they were when the program started? How has it changed?

Remember to review the opposing side of your argument. If you are in favor of something, know why someone might be against it.

Books and Ebooks

You can read an ebook from any computer that is connected to the internet.

Books on many topics can be found from the library’s home page using the library’s online catalog. Many books are available in ebook form which you can read from your computer.

Enter a title, author or subject in the **Search Re-**

sources box. Print books will have a call number used to find the book on the shelf.

To view an ebook, click **View eBook**. Next, click **Full Text**. Click **Search within** and type your search terms in the box and

Enter. Click on a page number to go to that page.

Be sure to click on Detailed Record to get the information you will need for your citations or click the cite icon and scroll down to MLA.

Remember the Works Cited

As your instructor will tell you, it is important to get all of the information you need to write your Works Cited page. Make sure you have all of the bibliographic information before you leave! It is much easier to get it the first time than it is to come

back later and try to find the right book or document.

To be sure you format your Works Cited page correctly, use:

The Little Seagull Handbook.

MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers.

Class notes from your instructor.

If you have questions, ask your instructor.

