



Best Practices: EBSCOhost

I need to find 5 key articles on my topic

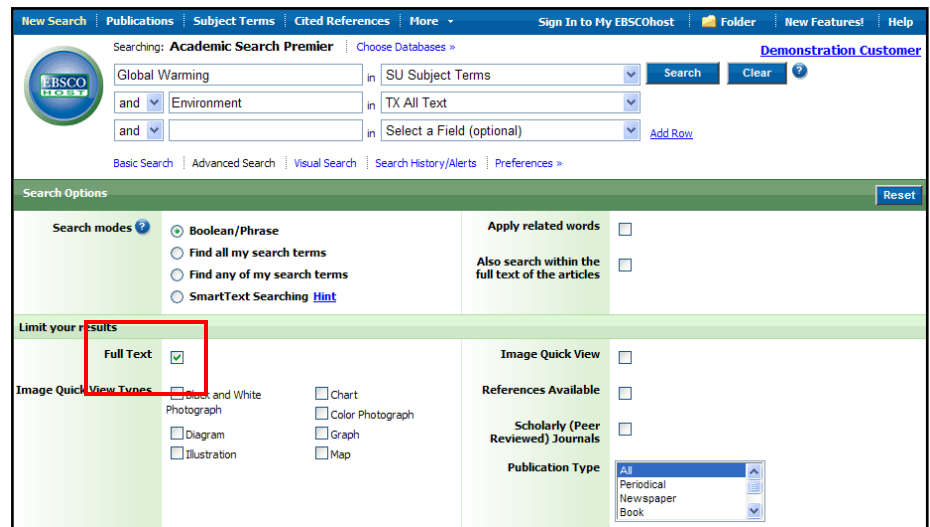
Do you need to find key articles on your research topic?

EBSCOhost features several useful tools to assist you in finding the most relevant articles to your research topic.

Here are 8 steps you can follow to help ensure successful research when using EBSCOhost databases.

Creating a Search

1. **Select the Advanced Search Screen –** Using Advanced Search screen allows you to refine your search by selecting a search field from the drop-down menu for each term you enter. Searchable fields include **Subject Term, Author, Title, and Journal Name.**



2. **Use Boolean operators –** Select **And, Or,** or **Not** from the drop-down menus next to the Find fields to combine your lines of search.

3. **Limit Your Search –** Be sure to check the **Full Text** limiter in the **Limit your results** area, to make sure you only get articles that contain the full text available from EBSCOhost. If you would like, you can also limit your result list items to:

- **Publication Type** – including Periodicals, Newspapers, or Books.
- **Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals** – include only articles from publications that have been reviewed and/or qualified by a selected panel of acknowledged experts in the field of study covered by the journal.
- **Published Date From** – search for articles within a specified date range.



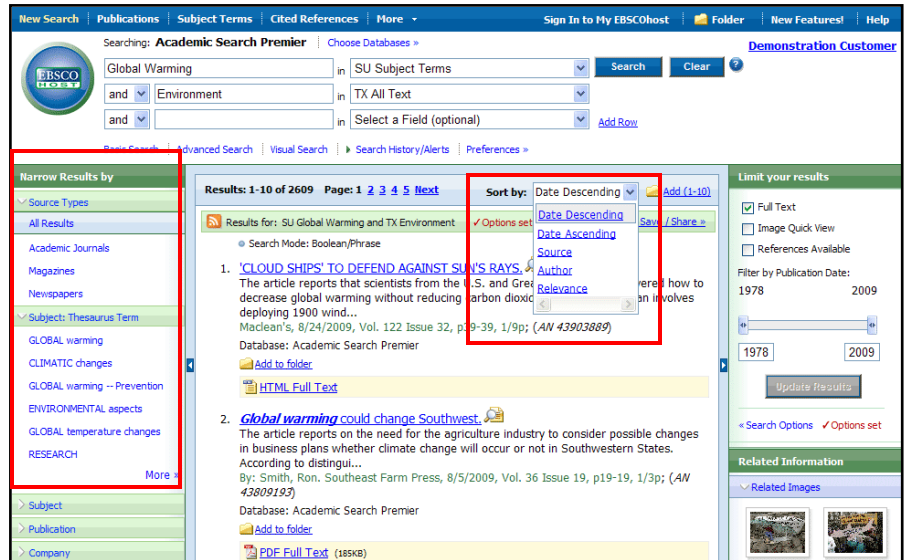
The Result List

On the Result List, you can refine your results in several ways.

4. **Narrow Your Results** – Under the **Narrow Results by** column on the left, narrow your results by Source Type, Subject term, Publication, or Geography.

5. **Re-sort the Result List** – Click the drop-down arrow to the right of the **Sort by** menu to re-sort your result list by **Date**, **Source**, **Author**, or **Relevance**.

6. **Limit Your Results again** – Still too many results appearing? Under **Limit your results** in the right-hand column of the Result List, you can apply more limiters to your search. Click the **Search Options** link to access all limiters, expanders, and search modes available to you.



Article Preview Hover

7. **Preview Article Information** – The article preview hover feature saves you time by allowing you to preview article detail information right from your result list.

Simply hold your pointer over the hover icon at the end of an article's title to read a partial abstract, access full text, add the article to the folder, or access the full article details.

Title: Global warming could change Southwest.
Authors: Smith, Ron
Source: Southeast Farm Press
Date: 2009
Subjects: BUSINESS planning,GLOBAL warming,CLIMATIC changes,...
Abstract: The article reports on the need for the agriculture industry to consider possible changes in business plans whether climate change will occur or not in Southwestern States. According to distinguished professor Gerald North, research and observations indicate that climate change is occurring and that the Southwest would be vulnerable. North said Texas may be particularly vulnerable in part because of its varied and sub-tropical climate.

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My EBSCOhost Folder

8. **Save your articles** – The My EBSCOhost folder lets you permanently store articles, images, and persistent links in your own personal folder.

My EBSCOhost also allows you to create custom folders, which offer you the ability to

organize your research and also share it with other EBSCOhost users.

The screenshot displays the 'My Folder: Articles' interface. On the left, a 'Folder List' sidebar shows categories like 'Articles (8)', 'Images (0)', 'Videos (0)', 'Pages (0)', 'Notes (0)', 'Other Content Sources (0)', 'Persistent Links to Searches (1)', 'Saved Searches (1)', 'Search Alerts (0)', 'Journal Alerts (0)', and 'Web Pages (1)'. Below this are 'My Custom' folders, including 'Global Warming' with 'Articles (2)', and a 'Shared By' section. The main content area shows a list of three articles:

- 1. AN OCEAN OF POISON**
The article reports on the degraded condition of the the Pacific Ocean off of British Columbia and the impact that pollution is having on the significant number of killer whales that frequent the...
By: MacDonald, Nancy; Maclean's, 8/3/2009, Vol. 122 Issue 29/30, p36-37, 2p, 2 color; (AN 43501389)
Database: Academic Search Premier
[HTML Full Text](#)
- 2. 'CLOUD SHIPS' TO DEFEND AGAINST SUN'S RAYS**
The article reports that scientists from the U.S. and Great Britain have discovered how to decrease global warming without reducing carbon dioxide emissions. The plan involves deploying 1900 wind...
Maclean's, 8/24/2009, Vol. 122 Issue 32, p39-39, 1/9p; (AN 43903889)
Database: Academic Search Premier
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- 3. Global warming could change Southwest**
The article reports on the need for the agriculture industry to consider possible changes in business plans whether climate change will occur or not in Southwestern States. According to distingui...
By: Smith, Ron. Southeast Farm Press, 8/5/2009, Vol. 36 Issue 19, p19-19, 1/3p; (AN 43809195)
Database: Academic Search Premier
[PDF Full Text](#) (185KB)

Creating your own My EBSCOhost folder is easy. Simply click the **Sign In to My EBSCOhost** link at the top of the screen. Click **I'm a new user** and fill in your information to set up your own free personal folder.