

## ENL111- Research paper for Prf. Bunting

This guide is online at

<http://www.pct.edu/library/research/courseguides/ENL111Bunting.pdf>

### Finding an editorial to research



The first step to your research paper is to unearth an editorial that interests you. You can usually find editorials in the last pages of the first section of a recent paper. You also may be able to find editorials at the online version of the paper. Once you find the editorial, you need to choose a statement from that editorial that you believe is true or false.

### Making your research strategy

Once you find the editorial, you need to choose a statement from that editorial that you believe is true or false. Proving or disproving this statement is your thesis goal. Your research goal is to find reliable information that supports or contradicts the premise of the statement.

Now take your statement and choose 2-3 words that you believe are the main concepts. They should be chosen from the subject words in your statement. For example, if your statement is "Alternative fuels sources will have significant impact on the type of cars people purchase in the future" your subject words would be *Alternative Fuels* and *Cars*.

### Getting information about your editorial topic

Here are a few online databases you can try. Remember, if you're not finding what you're looking for, be sure to ask for help at the reference desk.

You can click on the links below to get to these databases, but you can also find these resources alphabetically listed on the library's homepage under **Find Articles** → *Choose a database*



Use [Proquest Research Library](#) to find articles in magazines and journals. Research Library defaults to show you the most recent articles first.

**TIP 1:** Research Library will sort the articles you find with tabs across the top. They can be sorted by scholarly journals, magazines, etc. Using the right tab will help you quickly pull out only the scholarly articles.

**TIP 2:** Check the box on first screen for full text only



**TIP 3:** Look for the word *CITE* somewhere on the article page. You may find a MLA formatted citation when you click the link. Example from Proquest: [Cite this](#)

Use [Opposing Viewpoints](#) to find articles that represent different sides of an issue. Also includes scholarly materials as well as vetted websites



[LexisNexis](#) - Use LexisNexis Academic to find articles from newspapers covering the United States



### Citing Sources MLA Style

Many of the library's resources will provide citations for you in MLA format (see **TIP 2**). If not, use one of the many citation tools found on the Library's [Citing Your Sources](#) page.

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