HOW TO: Find an Article from a Professor’s Reading List

Something you will likely be asked to do during your time as a student at Asbury University is to locate and read an article from a reading list your professor has provided you.

We’ll use this list from ENG 110 as an example:

Works Cited


As seen above, the reading list will likely be organized using a citation format such as MLA or APA. In order to locate the articles above, you’ll first need to know how to read a citation.
Once you know what information is provided in the citations from the reading list, there are several ways to find the article you are looking for.

**URL Link:** If the citation provides a stable URL or Permalink at the end, click on it (or copy and paste it into a web browser). This should take you directly to the desired article. If you are off-campus, you will be asked to log-in with your Asbury username and password in order to access the article.

**Database/Author/Title Search:**
- Find the database in our A-Z Database List (in this case, we are looking for Academic Search Complete)
- Click on the correct database to open it and be able to search.

- Search using the author’s last name, the Boolean search term AND, as well as the title of the article you are looking for. If you enclose the title within quotation marks, this tells the database that you want results that have all of those words together and in that specific order.

- This detailed search should result in finding the correct article. You could also search just by author or just by title, but you may receive more results.
Journal Search: You can also locate the full text article by searching through the actual journal where the article was published.

- Locate the correct journal in our Full-Text Journals search. (in this case, we are looking for the journal called Academic Questions)

- You may have to choose which database to search in order to find the journal. When selecting pay attention to the dates when full text begins and ends, as this may affect the article you are looking for. (in this case, they all appear to be the same – so we’ll choose Academic Search Complete)
Once you are looking at the Publication Details you can select the correct year and issue of the journal you are looking for. (in this case, the year 1999; volume 12, issue 4.)

Once you click on the correct issue, you’ll have access to all of the articles in that issue. You can scroll down until you locate the article you need.


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6. The Public Value of the Liberal Arts.


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