

SPEECH - ONLINE DATABASES

There will never be a need to use Google again when researching!

How do I get to the online databases?

Do the following:

1. Go to www.monashores.net (home page)
2. Click on *High School*
3. Click on *Departments*
4. Click on *Library Media Center*

DESTINY QUEST: You can use this from home☺!

- Use this to find books and CREDIBLE internet sources.
- Once you have logged into Destiny Quest (using your id and first name), click exit (top right), and you will be at the screen to research.
- You can create a list (which will help you for citing your sources), by clicking on “resource lists” to the left.
- Then click on “add list” to the right. Create a list for your speech that you are currently working on (i.e. group discussion).
- When you use websites and/or books, add them to your list.
- Once they are added to your list (and if you used them in your research), go to your list and click “go” at the bottom, and your sources are set up in MLA format for your Works Cited page! You can copy and paste these and put them on your WC page. If you didn’t use the source, it should NOT be on your WC page.

MEL: To access from home, you will need anybody’s Michigan license number or a public library card number.

Commonly used databases from MEL (see page 33 in agenda book):

- Opposing viewpoints (this will be the one MEL database most used in speech class); can also access this one through Gale.
 - Natural Language – can type a question/everyday language
 - Boolean Operator – use *and*, *or*, or *not* to broaden or narrow topic
- Health and Wellness Resource
- Health Reference Center Academic
 - Cross reference terms are important (also known as subject-related terms)
 - Citation information is on the bottom of the source you are viewing
 - Remember that the citation information is not in the correct order! You need your agenda book for this.
- InfoTrac Student Edition and General Reference Center Gold - both good for a variety of topics
- eBooks – COMPLETE BOOKS ONLINE!

SIRS: To access from home, you need the following: MI0074 and 7551543 (middle of 33 in agenda book).

- SIRS Issues Researcher (used most often in speech) - click on the red Issues Researcher link
 - Open access – can use at home without using a password
 - Keyword or natural language
 - Pros vs. Cons – leading issues for controversial subjects - read these 6 articles for your topic!
 - Citation information is at the bottom of the page - refer to agenda book for accurate set-up.
 - Upper left corner once you are in a topic in SIRS (blue “At-Issue” link) – scroll down and look at the critical thinking and analysis questions – these will help for your preparation for your debate speech.

GALE/INFOTRAC: To access information from home, you need to type in everything after the last slash mark in the url in the password area (musk63060).

- If you type in the Power Search in Gale, it will search multiple databases in Gale, rather than just one.

- Most of these databases are also in MeL. Gale databases are really good and cover a variety of subject areas.
- *Opposing Viewpoints in Context* (these are also books in the library)
- Source citation is on the bottom of the page – refer to agenda book for accurate set-up.

CQ Researcher Index (notebook on shelves in library)

- To find the *CQ Researcher* you are looking for, look in the index for the date and the page number of your topic; then, you can go to the reference section and select the correct year and find your article.
- See agenda book for accurate citation (page 28, signed magazine article)

Note: In the databases, show the subject-related terms and describe what this means.