



# Search for and Locating Information: Periodicals



Grade Level: 12 Subject: Participation in Government – *What's the Supreme Court Got to Do With Me?*

<p><b>Overview &amp; Purpose</b> After students have the tools to develop a search strategy they will need to locate materials in a library and information within those materials</p>	<p><b>Jefferson Community College Competencies</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Student is able to locate and use the OPAC and electronic resources</li> <li>6. Student is able to locate and use the parts of a book</li> <li>7. Student understands arrangement and classification systems</li> </ol>
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<b>Objectives</b>	Students will review how to search the Periodical databases and find articles in the library.	<p><b>Materials Needed</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Computer with internet access and display capability</li> <li>• Computer and Internet access for students</li> <li>• Printer</li> </ul>
<b>Information</b>	<p>Using the school or NOVEL provided ProQuest databases/indices, the librarian will review with students the means to locate periodical materials. Topics should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Using the database help screen</li> <li>❖ Keyword vs. Subject searching</li> <li>❖ Using subject headings to guide searches</li> <li>❖ Narrowing searches by periodical or date</li> <li>❖ Differentiating among search results: citation, abstract, full text</li> <li>❖ Evaluating results for usefulness and pertinence to the topic</li> <li>❖ Saving searches to <i>My Research</i> for exporting or downloading</li> </ul> <p>The ProQuest Training video and Platinum Searches can help focus this training.</p>	
<b>Verification</b>	Students will be divided into groups and perform a search on the Bakke case. Each group should be assigned a different strategy – Basic, advanced, subject, keyword. Students will report back to the group on the positive and negative aspects of the search.	<p><b>Other Resources</b></p> <p>ProQuest Training Video (<a href="http://www.proquestk12.com/demo/PQ_Platform/5/5.shtml">http://www.proquestk12.com/demo/PQ_Platform/5/5.shtml</a>) Getting Started with ProQuest Platinum Sample Searches</p>
<b>Activity</b>	Students will conduct a periodical search for information pertaining to their court case. Search results should include a variety of sources, availability in full text, and pertinence to their topic. They will mark the top 5 to be used for their project and print the citations for those articles.	
<b>Assessment</b>	Teacher and librarian should confer with each student to make sure that students have pinpointed key terms and established a good search strategy.	<b>Additional Notes</b>