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**Some important questions to consider:**

- What is the assignment and why am I doing this research?
- What kind of information, how much, and when do I need it?
- What do I already know about my topic and can I apply what I am learning now?
- Did I completely answer my initial research question and support it with relevant resources?
- How can I best share my conclusions with others?

To **find a book** (circulating, reference, and/or electronic) for an introductory examination of a topic:  
- Visit <http://www.spcollege.edu/central/libonline/> >>> click on **#4 Library Catalog** >>> it helps sometimes to narrow your search for items located on the **Gibbs campus** or to a certain **format, date, and/or language** >>> conduct a **subject, title** or **keyword** search?

Conducting a **subject** search for **iliad** will display 31 results. Try a **keyword** search for **iliad**. The keyword search will look everywhere throughout the bibliographic record. It also helps to add more specific keywords and/or an appropriate subject heading to your search.

You can add **Boolean operators** (i.e. AND, OR, NOT) easily in the **Advanced Search** mode. Boolean operators help to combine and/or eliminate concepts and keywords. For example, searching for **iliad** AND **Homer – Criticism and interpretation** (Subject) will display over 14 results.

**Search by:** Keyword   
and  Subject   
and  Author   
**At:**

[**AND** = both terms/phrases must be present (this will narrow your search results). You could use **OR** to find synonymous terms/concepts or **NOT** to eliminate certain terms/phrases.]

**Note:** It is possible to request books from other libraries and have them sent to your main campus library!

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| St. Petersburg/Tarpon Springs Circulation HF5381 .T2212 2006 | Available | <b>Request</b> |
| Valencia/East Circulation HF5381.T2212 2006                  | Available | Request        |

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**PIN** = Last 4-digits of Social Security Number

**Find Electronic Books via NetLibrary:** Visit <http://www.spcollege.edu/central/libonline/> >>> click on **#5 Ebooks** >>> **name =spc** and **password =\_\_\_\_\_**. (Note: You are now able to search for all of our electronic books (over 60,000 titles) within our main library catalog! However, using netLibrary will allow you also to search within the Full Text of the electronic book.)

- Try an advanced search for **iliad** (subject) AND **heroism war** (full Text).

**To find articles in journals, magazines, newspapers and more:**

- Visit <http://www.spcollege.edu/central/libonline/> >>> click on **#1 Articles & Databases** >>> Username is **spc** and the password is **\_\_\_\_\_**. Here you will find several databases.

**Literature Resource Center:** a complete literature reference database that is rich in biographical, bibliographical, and critical content.

Try an author search for **homer** and explore various categories. Or try an exact title search for **iliad**.

- **Gale Literary Index:** Title search for **Iliad** will find a variety of Gale reference works that include discussions of this work.

*Iliad*

Author: [Homer](#)

**Gale series that include a discussion of this work:**

- Classical and Medieval Literature Criticism, volume(s) 1:268-412; 61:149-350
- World Literature Criticism Supplement, edition(s) 1:405-22
- Poetry Criticism, volume(s) 23:149, 151-53, 155-57, 159-63, 165-72, 175-89, 191
- Epics for Students, volume(s) 1:168-204
- Reference Guide to World Literature (St. James Press, an imprint of Gale), edition(s) 2:589-90
- Literature and Its Times, volume(s) 1:166-73
- Literary Movements for Students, volume(s) 1:29
- World Literature and Its Times, volume(s) 8:185-95

Select Reference Works:

*Classical and Medieval Literature Criticism.* **REF PA3001 .C53**

*Poetry criticism: excerpts from criticism of the works of the most significant and widely studied poets of world literature.* **REF PN1010 .P499**

*Epics for students: presenting analysis, context, and criticism on commonly studied epics.*  
**REF PN56.E65 E67**

**Magill on Literature Plus:** contains editorially reviewed critical analyses. It also includes brief plot summaries of the most studied works in the history of literature.

Try a search for literary character **odysseus**.

The image shows a search interface with three main components:

- Literary Character(s):** A text box containing the word "odysseus".
- Narrow Results by Subject:** A list of subject categories with "Trojan War" highlighted in red. Other categories include "Greek or Roman times", "War", "Mythology or myths", "Greece or Greek people", "Gods or goddesses", "Heroes or heroism", "Legends", "Poetry", and "Narrative poetry".
- Bibliography:** A list of references, including:
  - Brann, Eva. *Homeric Moments: Clues to Delight in Re*
  - Dalby, Andrew. *Rediscovering Homer: Inside the Ori*
  - Kim, Jinyo. *The Pity of Achilles: Oral Style and the U*
  - Mueller, Martin. *The Iliad*. Winchester, Mass.: Allen

**Columbia Granger’s World of Poetry:** definitive source in English for locating a poem in anthologies on library shelves.

Try an advanced search for **homer** (Author) AND **battle** (Words in Poem).

The screenshot shows an advanced search interface with the following fields:

- Search instruction: "Click down arrow. Click on index. Enter terms to search here."
- Field 1: "Author" dropdown menu and text box containing "homer".
- Field 2: "And" dropdown menu, "Words In Poem" dropdown menu, and text box containing "battle".

Then select the ‘Poem Text’ button to read the section of the poem where **battle** is located.

The screenshot shows search results for "Homer" with the following details:

- POEM TEXT:** Title: (untitled)
- BIOGRAPHY:** Author: Homer (fl. before 700 b.c.)
- LONGER WORK:** Translator: Pound, Ezra (1885–1972)
- POEM INFO:** First Line: And then went down to the ship

Below the results, a note states: "This is a selection from a longer work. Click on the Longer Work icon for details."

**Research tip:** Granger’s will provide a citation near the bottom of the poem.

**Wilson Web Humanities:** full text plus abstracts and bibliographic indexing of the most noted scholarly sources in the humanities, as well as numerous lesser-known but important specialized magazines.

Try a search for **iliad** AND **heroism**.

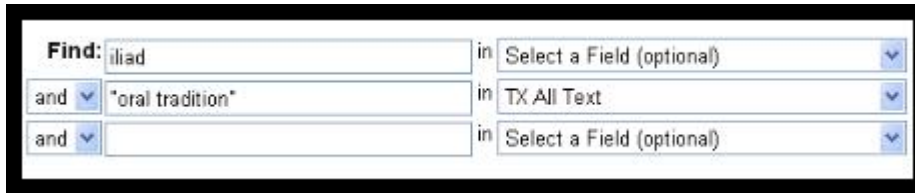
The screenshot shows a search form with the following fields:

- Search button: "FIND"
- Field 1: Text box containing "iliad"
- Field 2: "and" dropdown menu and text box containing "heroism"

You may want to narrow it down by subject (e.g., Homer/Iliad/Poetry) and then limit to peer-reviewed journals or full-text.

**Academic Search Premier:** largest scholarly, multi-disciplinary full text database containing full text for nearly 4,650 serials, including more than 3,600 peer-reviewed publications.

Try a search for **iliad** AND **“oral tradition”** (TX All Text).



The screenshot shows a search interface with three rows. The first row has 'iliad' in the 'Find:' field and 'Select a Field (optional)' in the 'in' dropdown. The second row has 'and' in a dropdown, 'oral tradition' in the search field, and 'TX All Text' in the 'in' dropdown. The third row has 'and' in a dropdown, an empty search field, and 'Select a Field (optional)' in the 'in' dropdown.

**Research Tip:** Academic Search Premier will generate citations in APA, Chicago, MLA, and other styles!



Although many articles are now available in full-text, you may still find some that are in a printed format (i.e. bound in book form). If the article is not in full-text you will need to determine if our library owns that particular volume. A librarian will help you locate articles not in full text. **JSTOR** is another database that can be helpful when searching for older articles.



**Finding information via the World Wide Web (WWW):** (Note): If you do research via the World Wide Web please consider the following:

- Anyone can create a website.
- Can you clearly determine who has written the article? Do they have subject expertise?
- Is the website relevant to your research? Is it comprehensive? Up-to date? Biased?
- Can the information be verified?



**“Find it at SPC” using Google Scholar.**


Try a search for **iliad heroism homer.**



**“Find it at SPC” Using Google Scholar handouts are available at:**  
[http://www.spcollege.edu/SPG/WSPCL/Find it at SPC GoogleScholar Student.pdf](http://www.spcollege.edu/SPG/WSPCL/Find_it_at_SPC_GoogleScholar_Student.pdf)

**Research Tip:** Within Google Scholar preferences, you can select a Bibliography Manager to import

citations. Also,  <http://www.worldcat.org> can cite sources too! Just copy/paste the title.




**Odysseus and the Genus 'Hero'**  
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**Some more things to consider ...**

1. Computers do a fine job storing and retrieving information; however, they are only as intelligent as their users. We must continue to use our brains and critically evaluate what we read and judge it accordingly. Computers allow researchers to find lots of information easily, but it is clearing the thickening “data smog” that can be difficult while at the same time rewarding.
2. Try to add content that you may think is missing from an article and ask vital questions along the way. This will force you to think more openly about a topic and to remain focused throughout the research process.
3. Don’t forget to cite your sources! Take good notes and remember to document where and when you found the information. Visit <http://www.spcollege.edu/central/libonline/> and under Quick Links select Citing Sources for more information. Read SPC’s Academic Honesty Policy at <http://www.spcollege.edu/webcentral/admit/honesty.htm>.
4. Have fun and enjoy the learning process!

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