**RESEARCH BASICS:**

**USING RESOURCES FROM THE LMC**

**Books:**

*Destiny* is our catalog. Use it to find books and websites on your topic. [click here](http://library.wayland.k12.ma.us:3194/district/servlet/presentlistsitesform.do;jsessionid=02183700B5221271079838DA81EC4672?districtMode=true).

Check the Resource Lists tab, then Public Lists to see if the library staff has done a search on your topic and posted results for you. ([Resource Lists instructions](http://youtu.be/lYx5VXWRSsk).)

You can search for books by author, title, subject, or keyword. A list of books matching your search will appear. A call number is listed for each book. Books are on the shelves in call number order. Match the number on the record for the book you want to the spine labels on the books. ([Map of LMC](media%20center%20map.docx))

**Online:**

*Destiny* also has a link to [WEBPATH EXPRESS](http://library.wayland.k12.ma.us:3194/district/servlet/presentlistsitesform.do;jsessionid=02183700B5221271079838DA81EC4672?districtMode=true). Use it to search 70,000 websites selected by experts and related to curriculum frameworks. Use it to find web sites on your topic. These sites should be evaluated the same way you evaluate sites found through [Google](http://google.com) or [SweetSearch](http://www.sweetsearch.com/) searching. Check the author’s credentials, currency, and publisher’s reputation.

*Databases* - Usernames and passwords are linked from the Databases portion of the LMC webpage. You’ll need your student email password to log in.

***–*** for history research, try one of these:

[American Government](http://americangovernment.abc-clio.com)

[American History](http://americanhistory.abc-clio.com)

[Issues: Controversies and Society](http://issues.abc-clio.com)

 [World at War](http://worldatwar.abc-clio.com)

 [World History: Ancient and Modern](http://ancienthistory.abc-clio.com/)

[World History: The Modern Era](http://worldhistory.abc-clio.com/)



***–*** for fulltext of the Boston Globe and the New York Times, [click here](http://galesites.com/menu/mlin_m_wayhs).

 Britannica Online - [click here](http://school.eb.com/levels/high) to access the encyclopedia. The online version includes a world atlas, an interactive map of the U.S., and a country comparison tool. Our subscription also includes Annals of American History, a collection of primary sources.

## [CQ Researcher](http://library.cqpress.com/cqresearcher/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank) - In-depth, unbiased coverage of health, social trends, criminal justice, international affairs, education, environment, tech. & the economy.

[*Click here*](http://galesites.com/menu/mlin_m_wayhs) *to access InfoTrac*

You can access all the InfoTrac databases without a password in school.

From home, you must use the passwords provided in the passwords section at the top of the databases page.

*Cross-searchable databases within InfoTrac:*

As always, you can use the cross-searchable feature of InfoTrac to search *Academic OneFile, General OneFile*, the *New York Times* and *Gale Virtual Reference Library.* These sources will provide the full-text of hundreds of thousands of articles and reference books.

Depending on your topic, you may want to limit your search to one part of InfoTrac.

* For science topics, try *Gale Science in Context.*
* For information about people, try *Gale Biography in Context*.
* For current events, try *Global Issues in Context* or *Opposing Viewpoints*.
* For historical topics, try *American History in Context* or *World History in Context*.
* For your English classes, try *Literature Resources from Gale or Contemporary Literary Criticism*.

There’s much more to InfoTrac, so take your time and browse the list of databases.

## [ProQuest Historical Newspaper](http://portal.bigchalk.com/portalweb/leap.do?sku=DB-HISTNEWS&ut=&ee=00433548)

Boston Globe (1872-); NY Times (1851-); Christian Science Monitor (1908-); Wall St. Journal (1880-).

[SIRS Decades](http://decades.sirs.com/decadesweb/decades/do/frontpage) - American History 1900 to present. Find primary sources and articles.

## [SIRS Issues Researcher](http://sks.sirs.com/cgi-bin/hst-portal-res?id=SMA0294-0-9814" \o "" \t "_blank) - Information on hot topic issues. Features viewpoint articles, topic overviews, full-text magazine, academic journal, and newspaper a articles, statistics, images and links to websites.