BIG IDEAS

Locating and evaluating a variety of information sources can help to substantiate research.

The State Library of South Australia provides access to electronic resources online to can give students the edge on their research.

LEARNING INTENT

INFORMATION LITERACY + CRITICAL AND CREATIVE THINKING

Information and communication technology

Learning to manage and manipulate, electronic sources of data, databases, and software applications

Critical and creative thinking

Accessing, organising, using, and evaluating information.

Compare perspectives and think critically about author intent and purpose.

Ethical understanding

Respecting the rights and work of others, acknowledging sources

GENERAL CAPABILITY | Literacy

Examine, compare, and contrast information.

Locate, analyse, organise, and document information.

KEY INQUIRY QUESTIONS

- What are some of the different types of information sources available?
- What makes a credible information source and why?
- What are the benefits and limitations of a google search?
- What credible sources of information could you use for your research

POSSIBLE LEARNING PROCESS AND RESOURCES

This resource can be found on the State Library of South Australia website on the SENIOR YEARS 10-12 page.

eRESOURCES
The State Library provides home access to eResources including authoritative databases that include journals, magazines, current and historical newspapers, on a wide range of subjects including history, science, business, medical and technology. We also have a range of eBooks covering subjects in social sciences, humanities and information technologies.
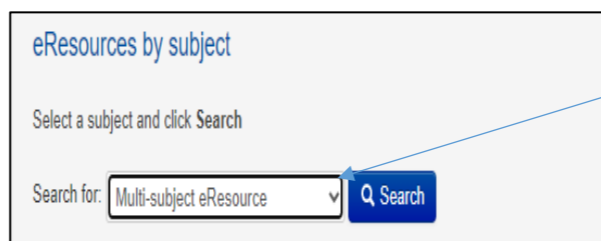
Home access means that registered library users can access these eResources from home. All South Australian residents are eligible to register with the State Library and receive a library card to gain home access to eResources. For non-South Australian residents try searching on Trove.
JOIN THE STATE LIBRARY online or when you visit us. Remember to bring along some identification. You can choose to collect your card from the State Library or have it posted to you, which can take up to 10 days.

Watch the following video on how to access and log-in to eResources from home and how to register for a State Library card for home access.
ACCESSING eRESOURCES VIDEO

SEARCHING eRESOURCES

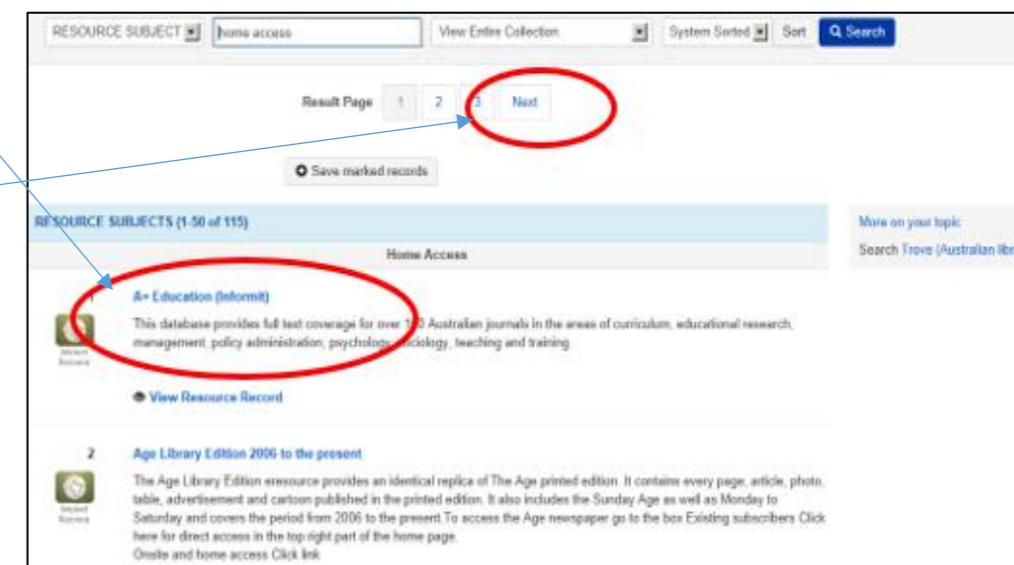Click on the drop-down menu to select eResources by subject.

Multi-subject e-resources are useful for a broad range of topics, and an excellent starting point for research.

This page lists databases that can be accessed from home. Click on the blue links for the title you wish to access. There are 3 pages of databases.

Click on the Next button to see more titles.

NB Once logged in you can return to the database selection page and choose another database. If you close the browser, you will need to log in again.

E-Library is an excellent introductory database for the student researcher, with research topics. All results provide full text.

To delve deeper, watch tutorials for specific databases. Below are tutorials to assist with searching and operating specific databases more effectively:

- **BRITANNICA LIBRARY OVERVIEW**
- **EBSCOHOST TUTORIALS**
- **ELIBRARY DEMONSTRATION**
- **NATURAL SCIENCE COLLECTION**
- **GALE IN CONTEXT: SCIENCE**
- **GALE PRIMARY SOURCES**