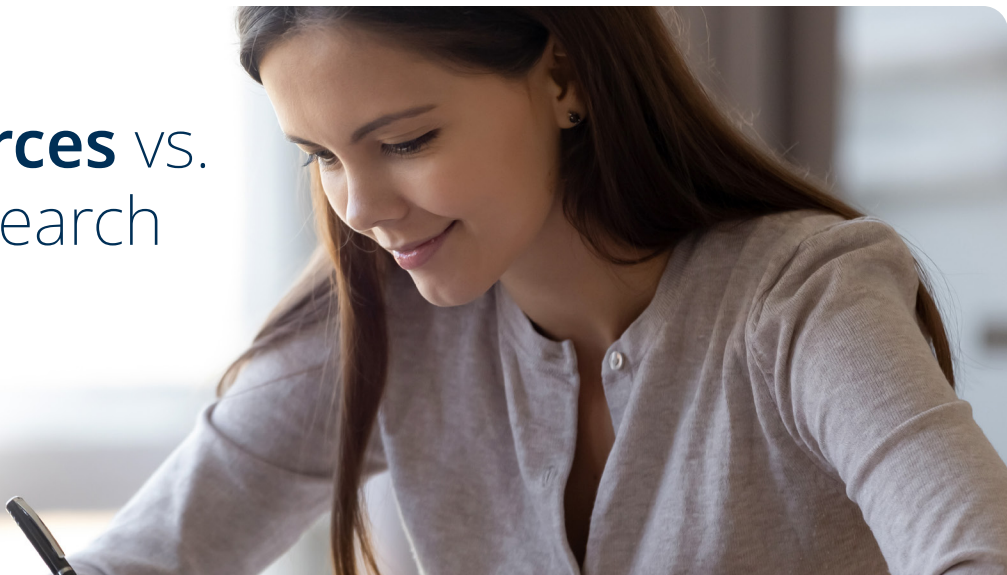


EBSCO Resources vs. Free Internet Search



EBSCO Resources

EBSCO results are not determined by user behavior or geographic location.

Reliable, high-quality articles licensed from reputable publishers, recognized by library professionals, and purchased to meet the specific needs of students, faculty and public library patrons.

Limiters (source type, subject, publication, etc.) assist users in narrowing results, making the information they need easier to find.

Users can save searches and search results in a password-protected folder, offering a secure and organized holding area.



RELEVANCE



AUTHORITATIVE CONTENT



LIMITERS/FILTERS



ABILITY TO SAVE SEARCHES & SEARCH RESULTS

Free Internet Search

The internet often delivers results based on where users live and what they've looked up in the past.

Although content is free with internet access, anyone can publish inaccurate information on the web whenever they want. No one is policing the internet.

Free search doesn't allow users to limit searches to full text, articles with images, etc.

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EBSCO Resources

Users can view, save, print, email or export citations for chosen articles, in many different formats, directly from the database.

EBSCO Discovery Service (EDS), *EBSCOhost* and *Explora* (EBSCO's dedicated interface for schools and public libraries) each offer users a single search box for easy content retrieval. *Explora* also includes browseable topic categories. Both *EDS* and *Explora* feature topic overviews that provide a starting place for research.

EBSCO resources are compliant with Section 508 Standards, which means they are accessible to people with disabilities. Text-to-speech for HTML articles also assists struggling readers, auditory learners and those developing English-language proficiency.

Compliant with the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA), meaning EBSCO does not ask for or require personal information to access its databases.

Hundreds of help documents, FAQs, tutorials and more are available at connect.ebsco.com to aid users with their research.



CITATION ASSISTANCE



VARIOUS, AGE-APPROPRIATE INTERFACES



ACCESSIBILITY



PRIVACY



INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT

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Of the more than one billion websites on the internet, many do not meet the needs of people with disabilities. Not all websites are mobile-friendly, and not all accommodate assistive technologies such as text-to-speech.

Many sites, which aren't always safe, ask for your personal information.

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