

SMART RESEARCH: ACADEMIC JOURNALS



Using academic journals in your writing ensures you are getting accurate information from experts. As you continue through your education- in High School and College/University- you will need to use academic journals to support your arguments and opinions. Gale In Context resources provide you with a large collection of academic journals on many topics. Use this activity to find and utilize academic journals.

You can access your resources here:

WHAT IS AN ACADEMIC JOURNAL?

An academic journal is a special kind of text where experts and researchers publish articles about their studies and discoveries.

Academic journals go through a careful review process to make sure the information is accurate and trustworthy. This process is called peer review, so academic journals are sometimes called “peer-reviewed”.

Academic journals are used to support research in many subjects like science, social studies, or English language arts, and medicine.

How would you explain the difference between an academic journal and a regular article?

The screenshot shows the Gale In Context High School interface. The article title is "The Foreign-Trade Zone and its Impacts on Neighboring Communities in Mobile, Alabama." The author is Jesse M. Lane, dated Spring 2024. It is from the journal "Southeastern Geographer" (Vol. 64, Issue 1), published by the University of North Carolina Press. The document type is an article, 11,185 words long, with a Lexile level of 1310L. The article abstract discusses the Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) No. 82 in Mobile, Alabama, and its economic impacts. The interface includes navigation links like Home, Business and Economics, International Trade, Academic Journals, and Document. It also features a search bar, a list of related subjects, and a "More Like This" section.

YOUR ANSWER:

FINDING ACADEMIC JOURNALS IN GALE: BASIC SEARCH

Basic Search lets you run a simple search using keywords. It's found in the banner at the top of the page. Search terms should be short and concise to get the best results.

After your run a basic search, the **Filters** on the right hand side can help you narrow your results. To only see academic journals select the **Peer-reviewed journals** option.

You may be directed to a **Guide Page** when you search (you'll see an overview at the top). If that happens, you can click into **Academic Journals** by scrolling down.

Academic journal entries have a check mark showing they're peer-reviewed. Where is that check mark in search results?

The screenshot shows the Gale In Context High School interface with search results for "Academic Journals". The results list includes "Oral History with Margaret Butler: Advocate for Workers' Rights and Jobs with Justice" and "LABOR UNDER SIEGE: BIG BOB MCELLRATH AND THE ILWU'S FIGHT FOR ORGANIZED LABOR IN AN ANTI-UNION ERA (AN ORAL HISTORY)". The interface includes a search bar, a list of content types, and a filter section on the right. The filter section has a checkbox for "Peer-reviewed journals" which is checked. The results are sorted by Relevance. The interface also includes a "TOPIC FINDER" section at the bottom.

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FINDING ACADEMIC JOURNALS IN GALE: ADVANCED SEARCH

Another way to find academic journals in your Gale resources is to use the **Advanced Search**. **Advanced Search** can be found next to the **Basic Search** bar.

After clicking into the **Advanced Search** section, you'll enter your search term and can choose what parts of a document you want to search by using the **Field** drop down. As an example, you could choose to search the whole documents or just titles.

Before you run your search, scroll down to **Search Limiters** and check the **Peer-reviewed journals** option, and the **Academic Journals** option.

How do you think an Advanced Search could help you in your research?

YOUR ANSWER:

RESEARCH TOOLS FOR ADDED SUPPORT

Once you start finding articles to support your writing, you can use the tools found in your resource to make your research easier.

Highlights and Notes lets you highlight important parts of articles to use in your papers.

Send To allows you to send your document to Google Drive or Microsoft OneDrive to save it for later or share with other students.

Select the **Listen** button to have articles read to you instead of reading on your own.

To generate a full citation (without having to do any of the work) select the **Cite** button at the top of the page.

Which research tool will help you the most? Why do you think that?

YOUR ANSWER: