

ERIC-Advanced

This is the second guide to using ERIC and is a supplement to the ERIC- Basic Guide

This guide will go over:

1. Using the Thesaurus
2. How to limit your search
3. Types of ERIC Documents

1. Finding Search Terms with the ERIC Thesaurus

Have you ever been on a database for HOURS when you stumbled on a magic word that gave you access to a jackpot of information??? The thesaurus can help find those terms BEFORE you even start searching.

1. First click on the purple “Search Tools” tab
2. Then click on the “Thesaurus” tab
3. Type in your topic to find related terms



The screenshot shows the CSA ILLUMINA search interface. At the top, the logo for CSA ILLUMINA is displayed with the tagline "Solar power: Exotic sideshow or bright new future?". Below the logo, there are navigation tabs: "Logout", "Quick Search", "Advanced Search", "Search Tools", and "Browse". The "Search Tools" tab is highlighted in purple, and an orange arrow points to it. Below the navigation tabs, there is a section titled "Search the Thesaurus" with sub-tabs: "History/Combine Searches", "Command Search", "Thesaurus", and "Indexes". The "Thesaurus" tab is selected. Below this, there are three input fields: "Select Thesaurus:" with a dropdown menu showing "ERIC Thesaurus (English)" and a "Change Databases" link; "Browse Thesaurus for:" with a text input field and a "Go" button; and "Select Display:" with three radio buttons: "Alphabetical Index" (selected), "Hierarchy", and "Rotated Index".

Example using “Reading”

Advanced Search Search Tools Browse

Command Search Thesaurus Indexes

ERIC Thesaurus (English) [Change Databases](#)

for: reading

Alphabetical Index Hierarchy Rotated Index

ERIC Thesaurus (English)

[Clear Marked Terms](#) | [Add to Marked Terms](#)

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- [Readers \(Materials\)](#)
- [Readers Theater](#)
- [Readiness \[+\]](#)
- [Readiness \(Mental\)](#)
- [Reading \[+\]](#)**
- [Reading Ability \[+\]](#)
- [Reading Achievement](#)
- [Reading Aloud to Others](#)
- [Reading Assignments](#)
- [Reading Attitudes](#)

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The [+] sign lets you know there is more information if you click on the underlined word (see next page)

Select Thesaurus: ERIC Thesaurus (English) [Change Databases](#)

Browse Thesaurus for: Reading

Select Display: Alphabetical Index Hierarchy Rotated Index

ERIC Thesaurus (English)

[Clear Marked Terms](#) | [Add to Marked Terms](#)

New Search Using Marked Terms

- Use **AND** to narrow
- Use **OR** to broaden
- Explode to include all narrower terms

Reading [+]

(Note: Use a more specific term if possible)

Use For

- Applied Reading
- Applied Reading (1966 1980)
- Reading Coaching
- Reading Games (2004)
- Reading Games

Broader Terms

- [Language Arts](#) [+]
- [Literacy](#) [+]
Ability to read and write -- also, communication with written or printed symbols (i.e., reading and writing)

Narrower Terms

- [Basal Reading](#)
Instruction that develops reading skills through the use of a series of reading materials which are designed in sequential steps for successive
(Note: Do not confuse with "Beginning Reading")
- [Beginning Reading](#)
Initial activities, processes, or behaviors involved in learning to read
- [Content Area Reading](#)
Instruction concerned with reading assignments -- also, instructional material in such subject areas as social studies, mathematics, science,
- [Corrective Reading](#)
Reading instruction within a regular class for students with reading problems (Note: Do not confuse with "Remedial Reading")
- [Critical Reading](#)
Reading carefully to thoroughly comprehend and evaluate what is read
- [Directed Reading Activity](#)

The list may provide you with some alternative words and/or phrases that you could plug into another search

The Broader and Narrower Terms can help refine a search



Other examples

Academic Achievement (Descriptor used for...)

- Academic Success
- Scholastic Achievement

Inclusion (Use instead...)

- Use instead- Inclusive Schools
- Related terms- Individualized Education Programs
Mainstreaming

Cognitive Development (Related terms...)

- Learning Strategies
- Developmental Disabilities

Descriptor Search

Descriptors are terms, taken from the *Thesaurus of ERIC Descriptors*, that describe the main focus of the article. Using descriptors results in a more precise search

Logout Quick Search **Advanced Search** Search Tools Browse

(content area reading or or)
 and (or or)
 and (or or)

[Search Tips:](#) e.g., wildcar*, exact phrase; use Keywords for a single search of Title, Abstract, Descriptors

Search Clear

Keywords, KW=
 Keywords, KW=
 Author, AU=
 Title, TI=
Descriptors, DE=
 Abstract, AB=
 Accession Number, AN=

Use the drop down menu to switch from a keyword search to a descriptor search



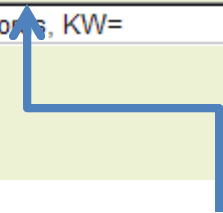
Logout Quick Search **Advanced Search** Search Tools Browse

(content area reading or or)
 and (social studies or or)
 and (elementary or or)

[Search Tips:](#) e.g., wildcar*, exact phrase; use Keywords for a single search of Title, Abstract, Descriptors

Search Clear

Descriptors, DE=
 Keywords, KW=
 Keywords, KW=



You may use additional descriptors in your search, but that may narrow your search too much. If you use more terms, add keywords.

When you find an article that is “spot on”, check out the descriptors they use to describe the article!!

The screenshot shows a database search interface. At the top, there are filters for publication types: All Publication Types 255, Journals 120, Peer-Reviewed Journals 25, Conferences 29, and Books 41. Below these are options to 'Mark or Clear all on page', 'Update Marked List', 'Save, Print, Email', and 'RefWorks'. A 'Sort by:' dropdown is set to 'Most Recent First'. Navigation links include 'Previous', '1', '2', '3', '4', '5', and 'Next'. A 'Record #' field is visible on the right.

The first search result is:

- 1. [Putting Reading First: Teaching Social Studies in Elementary Classrooms](#)
[Boyle-Baise, Marilynne](#); [Hsu, Ming-Chu](#); [Johnson, Shaun](#); [Serriere, Stephanie Cayot](#); [Stewart, Dorshell](#)
Theory and Research in Social Education; v36 n3 p233-255 Sum 2008
In this case study, the authors describe and analyze **social studies** education in 13 classrooms across six **elementary** schools in the Midwest. Reading and reading achievement dominated instructional time and intent across the schools. ...
Accession Number: EJ807732
[View Record](#) |

Database: ERIC
Descriptors: [Elementary Schools](#) | [Reading Achievement](#) | [Literacy Education](#) | [Social Studies](#) | [Reading Instruction](#) | [Elementary School Students](#) | [More...](#)
 Discovery Links
[Images, Definitions, etc.](#)

The article details are:

- Database:** ERIC
- Title:** **Putting Reading First: Teaching Social Studies in Elementary Classrooms**
- Author:** [Boyle-Baise, Marilynne](#); [Hsu, Ming-Chu](#); [Johnson, Shaun](#); [Serriere, Stephanie Cayot](#); [Stewart, Dorshell](#)
- Source:** Theory and Research in Social Education; v36 n3 p233-255 Sum 2008
- ISSN:** 0093-3104

The Descriptors section includes:

- Elementary Schools**
- Reading Achievement**
- Literacy Education
- Social Studies**
- Reading Instruction**
- Elementary School Students**
- Reading Comprehension**
- Content Area Reading**
- Textbooks
- Integrated Curriculum
- Teaching Methods
- Federal Legislation

You can then do another search with the relevant descriptors

2. Adding limits to your search

(content area reading or or) Descriptors, DE=
and (social studies or or) Keywords, KW=
and (elementary or or) Keywords, KW=

[Search Tips](#): e.g., wildcard*, exact phrase; use Keywords for a single search of Title, Abstract, Descriptors

Search **Clear**

Now Selected: ? ERIC

Change: --- Subject Area --- or [Specific Databases](#)

Date Range: 2005 to 2009

Limited to: Latest Update Journal Articles Only English Only

More Search Options: [\(Hide\)](#)

ERIC Indexes & Limits

Author [Browse Author](#)

Journal Name [Browse Journal Name](#)

Publication Type [Browse Publication Type](#)

Peer Reviewed

ERIC Documents Only

Availability
Level 1 - Available online
Level 2 - Produced in microfiche

Education Level
Preschool Education
Secondary Education

Target Audience
Administrators
Community

Limit your results to a specific time range

Looking for an article in a specific journal?

Want only research based reports?

You will be able to limit peer reviewed journals from the results list. If you select this, you will only get results starting in 2005

Leave this as unlimited to assure that you get access to everything the library has to offer!


This is really helpful if you are looking for a specific grade level


3. Types of ERIC documents

EJ vs. ED

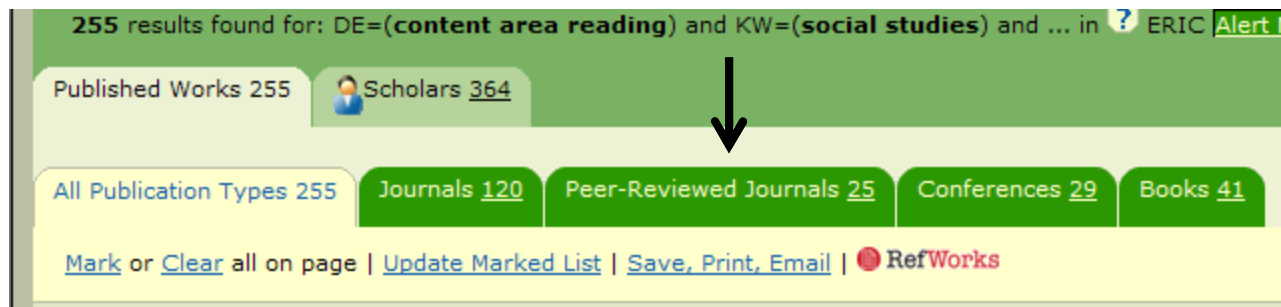
EJ documents (journal and magazine articles)

ED documents (reports, conference papers, selected government documents and others)


- 3. [Teachers and Content Area Reading: Attitudes, Beliefs and Change](#)
[Hall, L.A.](#)
Teaching and Teacher Education: An International Journal of Research and Studies; v21 n4 p403-414 May 2005
... everything but it's really hard. Sarah; 6th grade *social studies* student". This paper presents the results of a review of the research into content area teachers' attitudes and beliefs about the teaching of reading within their subject ...
Accession Number: EJ697948
[View Record](#) | 

- 4. [Assisting Teachers in Teaching in Reading Instruction.](#)
[Ediger, Marlow](#)
Report: ED479194. 6pp, Mar 2003
... can help students who have problems comprehending *social studies* subject matter. Teachers, parents, and volunteers can all serve as effective oral readers. Teachers and principals should list goals for volunteers to achieve when reading ...
Accession Number: ED479194
[View Record](#) | [Full-Text Linking](#) | 


Peer Reviewed --Before looking at the titles, if your professors indicated you must use peer reviewed journals, click on the number in the Peer-Reviewed Journals Tab



255 results found for: DE=(content area reading) and KW=(social studies) and ... in ? ERIC [Alert M](#)

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All Publication Types 255 Journals 120 Peer-Reviewed Journals 25 Conferences 29 Books 41

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Hours: M-TH 9-9, Friday 9-5, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 1-9

- Ask A Librarian online chat

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<http://www.emich.edu/halle/research101/>