

## Electric Library

**Description:** *Full-Text.* Indexes magazines, journals, photographs, newspapers, newswires, TV, radio, and government transcripts, reference books, and maps on a variety of subjects; exceptionally easy to find radio and TV transcripts from various news broadcasts.

**Access:** Go to the Library's "Databases" web page, and select *Electric Library*.

**Special Terms & Functions:** You may search by "natural language" or execute a Boolean search by clicking on "Build Boolean Search." A pop-up box will allow you to enter your search terms using Boolean operators such as and, or, not, adj, within, parentheses or quotes (which will nest terms together). Then click on the SEARCH button.

**Printing** – Select the link "Printer Friendly Version" in order to print text only.

**Email** – You may email the citation list or full-text article to yourself or someone else, and add a message. Always type a label in the subject line describing what you are emailing.

This is EL's way of sending you to what they consider the most relevant point in the document related to your search terms. Beware of this because sometimes it only reflects the number of times your search terms appear together in the document.

**Help** button – Click on this link to learn how to use this database more effectively, to read the most frequently asked questions about the database, how to search, and how to use the various functions within the database. When in doubt, click on the HELP button.

### **Steps to Research:**

Electric Library defaults to searching your topic in all types of media. Uncheck the boxes of media that you do not want to search (e.g. maps).

Enter your search term(s) using Natural Language or Boolean operators.

If you wish to narrow your search further, scroll down to the *Advanced Search*, and enter your parameters.

To view the full-text, click on the title. Your search term(s) will be in bold lettering.

To view the next record, click on the green arrow pointing down, then the green arrow pointing to the right adjacent to the word "next." Opposite for viewing a previous record.

**Mark Records** – Build your citation list by clicking on the + sign. When finished, click on the tab at the top of the screen, "My List." It will list all the records you marked. This is especially helpful when you get more than 25 results.

Selecting the TOPICS button at the top of the screen offers selections of authors, topics, regional areas and much more to help you narrow your search within this database.

If you need to look up a definition or similar search terms in order to narrow your topic search, try the REFERENCE button at the top of the screen. Any search you execute from this screen will search for your word in EL's dictionary, encyclopedias, almanacs, thesaurus, atlas, or other type of reference tool that EL has selected. It will offer a brief description of that word or search term or phrase.

On most EL pages you may click on the link at the top of the screen, "Return to search results," taking you back to the original list of citations from your initial search.

**Source List** – By clicking on any of the media icons, it will display a list of sources indexed.

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