Databases for Finding and Narrowing a Topic

Note: Log in to databases using your student portal credentials + @national.edu and password.

Credo

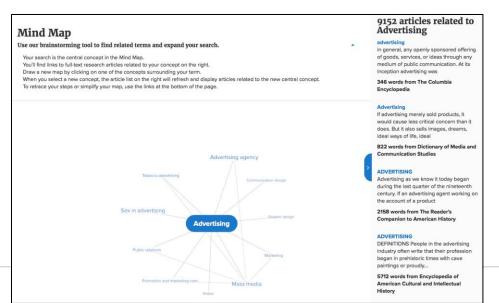
- 1. One way to narrow your topic, if you have already chosen one, is to quickly learn some more about the subject. Start with encyclopedia articles, available in Credo.
 - On the Credo homepage, search for your topic in the search box.
 - Look for a topic page and click through to that page.
 - Scroll down to "Credo Entries" for more articles.

Note: If your subject does not have a topic page, simply scroll through the results and look at the <u>name of the encyclopedia</u> and <u>word count</u> for each article. This will help you quickly browse articles.



2. For more ideas, look for a **Mind Map** and **Related Articles** list on the right.

Look at the mind map to find aspects of a broad topic that you might be interested in focusing on. Related articles will be suggested on the right side of the screen. When you click on a related topic within the Mind Map, Credo will display new related articles.

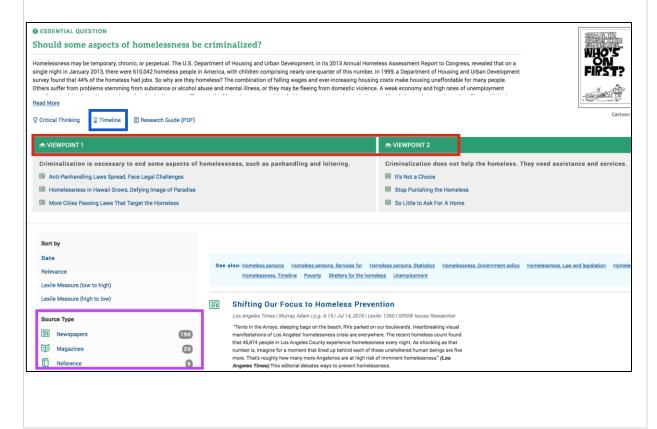


SIRS Knowledge Source

1. When you have not yet chosen a topic, use SIRS to explore different subjects. Click on **Browse All Pro/Con issues** to see topical lists on different subjects.



- 2. Click on a topic you're interested in. Look for these helpful features:
 - Viewpoints
 - Topic timeline
 - Sources by type * This database does not include peer-review sources. *



NBC Learn

Use NBC Learn to browse a variety of newsworthy topics, everything from current events to women's studies.

Watch a few short 5-8 minute news clips from NBC to begin generating ideas for your assignment. You can also search for a subject in the search box at the top right of the page.

