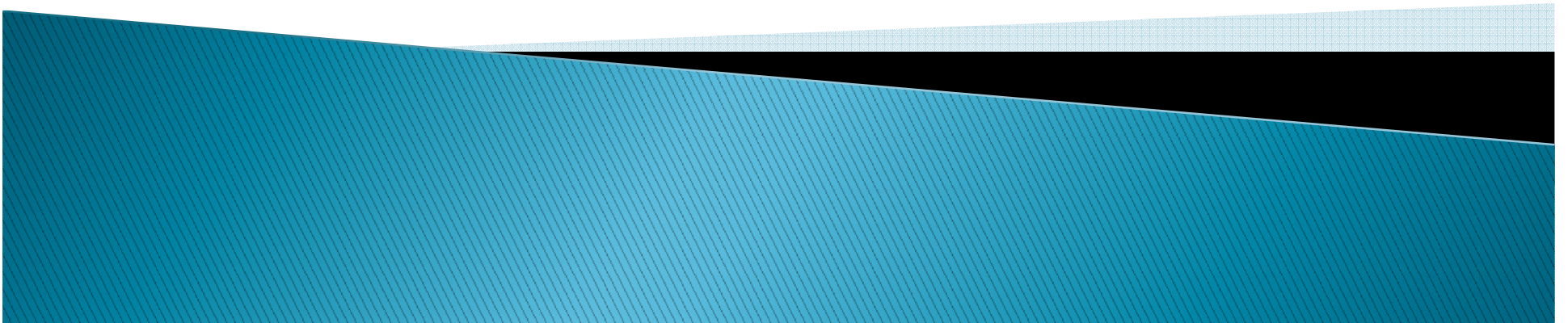


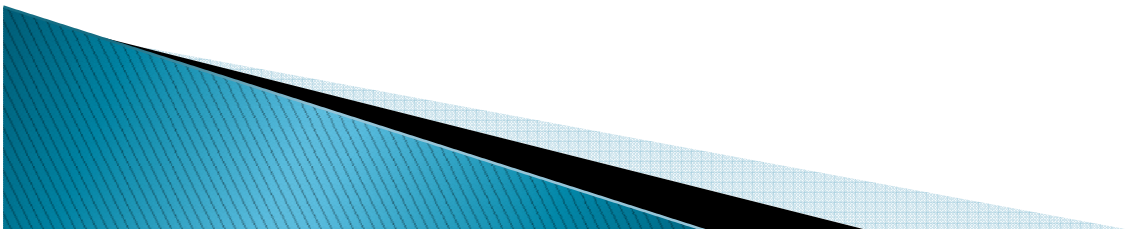
# EDLS 207 – Research on “New Literacies”

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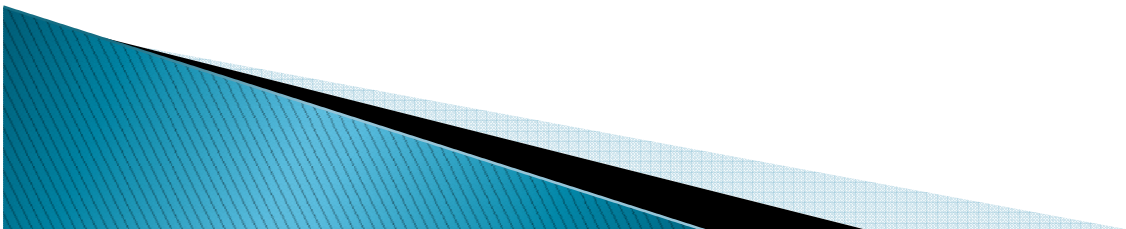
# Class goals

- ▶ Use a new technology – Classroom Response System – to clarify “new literacies”
- ▶ Examine an appropriate database to find current research articles on the topic
  - Field-specific searching
  - Controlled vocabulary for subject searching
  - Boolean searching
  - Limiters to control results
- ▶ Use research to find research



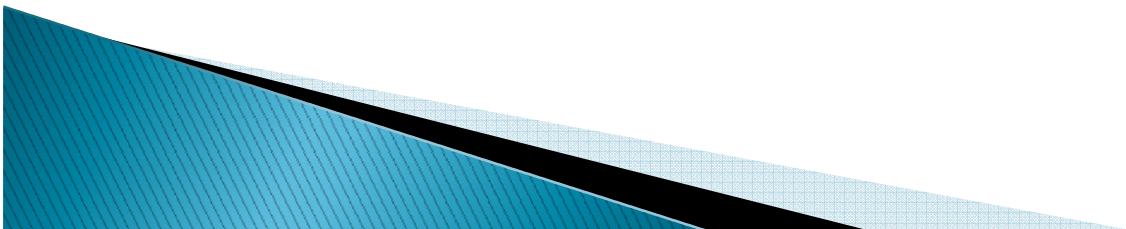
# “[Ontario Ministry of Education] plans curriculum overhaul” – Toronto Star, December 1, 2009

"Our kids live in a world where they are immersed in content through things like Twitter and Google, so we don't want them memorizing facts they can access easily, but we want them to think about how to apply that knowledge, and how it affects how they live as citizens and workers," said Grose.



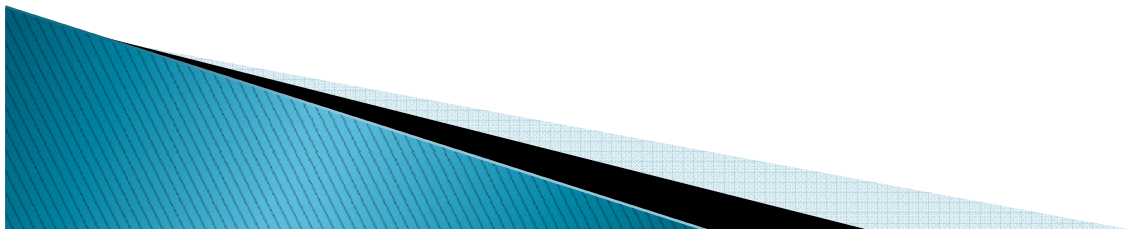
# What exactly is the “new literacy” ?

- ▶ “Primer” article points several times to the need to include critical analysis as part of the skills students need to master as part of the new literacy.
- ▶ “New Literacy” impacts students but also teacher training – what is the status of your “new literacies”?



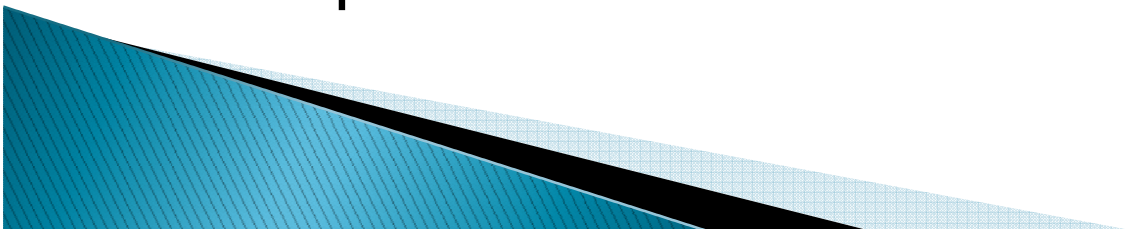
# Information Literacy and Library Resources, or, Getting everything you need WITHOUT using Google

- ▶ Use the Library web site to find the most appropriate resources
  - “Start by subject” – Education
- ▶ Consider the format of resources you need
  - Articles
- ▶ Choose a database
  - ERIC – Education Resources Information Center



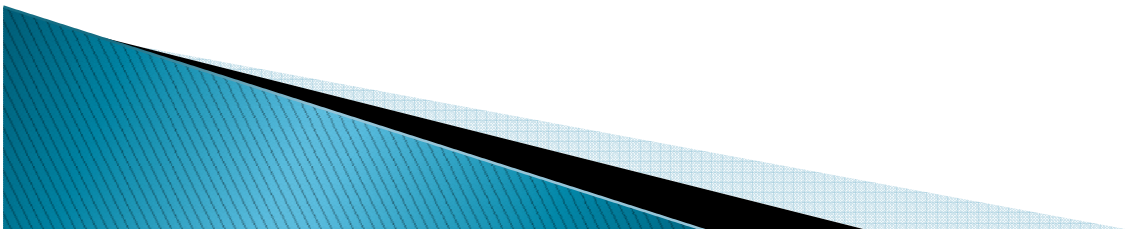
# ERIC

- ▶ Database is built and maintained by the US Department of Education – freely available at [eric.ed.gov](http://eric.ed.gov)
- ▶ Database includes indexing of journal literature and document (gray) literature
- ▶ Broad, comprehensive coverage that goes back to 1966 – more than 1,000,000 entries
- ▶ ERIC journals are indexed and abstracted but full-text is not included
- ▶ ERIC documents are digitized in full-text when entered and retrospective digitizing is almost completed – when document available



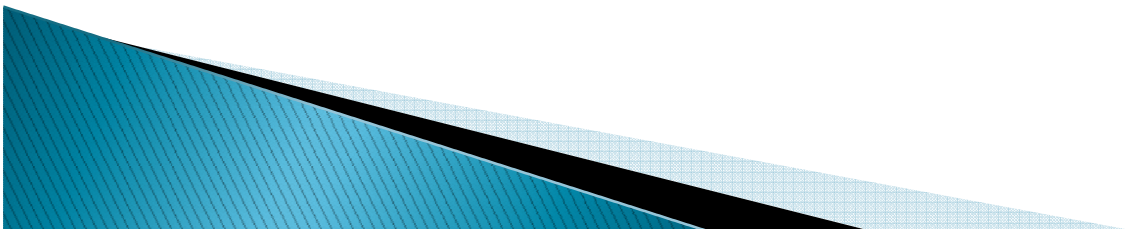
# ERIC database entries

- ▶ Information is recorded in “fields” that are searchable:
  - Authors
  - Title
  - Source, volume, issue, pages, date
  - Abstract
  - Descriptors
  - Identifiers
  - Audience, accession number, links, etc.



# ERIC via Ebscohost

- ▶ Ebscohost is a vendor – ERIC is a database that we access using Ebscohost's search engine and features
- ▶ Use of thesaurus
  - Controlled vocabulary = subject analysis
  - Relationships between terms
- ▶ Advanced search template supports Boolean searching and field specific searching
- ▶ Limiters both pre-search and post-search allow refining of results
- ▶ “My Ebscohost” account supports saved searches and results
- ▶ Open URL resolver support – “Article Linker”





# Following up with a researcher's research

- ▶ Identify potentially useful resources in an article footnotes or bibliography
- ▶ Search for books in WorldCat to identify materials that are in our library or request Interlibrary loan
- ▶ Search for articles using “Citation Linker” under “Find Articles” on library web site

