

Korean Initiative - Fall 2009

Hands On Exercise

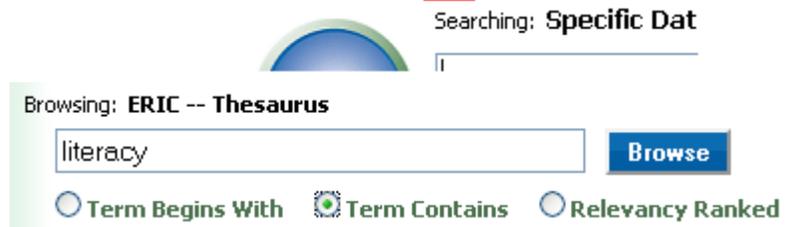
ERIC

- Log on to your computer and find the library home page. (<http://www.potsdam.edu/library>)
- Choose “Education” from the drop down list of subjects
- From the “Articles” tab, select ERIC (EBSCO version) and connect to the database (it will connect you by default to the ADVANCED SEARCH screen)



Finding (Good) Descriptors

- Select the THESAURUS link
- Search for the concept *Literacy* as a word in the term
- Look at range of terms which include the word literacy, and consider why we searched “term contains” instead of “Term Begins With
- Find the term Literacy and click on the hyperlinked term.



What are the 4 types of information given on this page?

- Find the concept *Emergent Literacy* and click it.
- Read the **Scope Note**- this is ERIC’s definition of the term, and very helpful for understanding individual terms.
- Check the box next to Emergent Literacy, and then click the **Add** button. Notice that your search term has now been added to the search box in the upper pane (Or, you could type your newly-identified term directly into the search box in the upper pane).
- Click on Search. How many results did you get for this search? _____
- What are the four major sections to the page?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

- Click a term in the left-hand pane. Look at the green bar above the results, and notice how your search was changed. Your original search term is present (the DE stands for Descriptor, one of the search fields), and the term you clicked has been added, with a plus sign connecting them.
- How many results did you receive? _____
- In the search box under “DE Emergent Literacy”, type in DE and then the term you chose in quotation marks. Change the **and** to **or**. How many results did you obtain? _____
- Think about the difference between **AND** and **OR** and how they affect your searches. You can use Boolean algebra yourself, to build complex searches.
- Now, type Emergent Literacy in the search box, and change the field to the default (“Select a Field”). Click search.
- How many results did you get? _____. Is this a better or worse search than searching in the Descriptor field? Why?

ERIC Documents Online (Maybe...) 1996+

- Go to the second page of results and Look at record # 18, titled “Bright Beginnings. WWC Intervention Report”. Note the ED number (for ERIC document). Notice that instead of an ArticleLinker icon, you have a link for getting the item from ERIC. If an item has an ED number, and is not available online, we may have it on microfilm (Document dates through June 2003)
- Look at record #14 “More than Just Storybooks: Promoting Emergent Literacy Skills in the Home”. What is the citation information for this article?

Name of Journal: _____

Volume: _____ Issue: _____ Pages: _____ Date: _____

- Click the ArticleLinker icon.  Notice that you can go directly to the article in a different database, search for it in the online catalog or you can Ask a Librarian for help.
- Click on link to search for this in the catalog.
- What Years and Volumes do we have in print and/or microfilm for this journal? Is there an end date indicated?

→To see exact years owned, click “View Circulation Status”

Years: _____

Volumes: _____

- **Not Available?** If it is not available online or in physical form in our library, there will be a link to ILLiad, our interlibrary loan interface.

WARNING!!!! If ArticleLinker leads you to an error page, perform a search for your article directly in the database before seeking assistance.



Now, click on the blue link for “Choose Databases”.

- Click on “Detailed View”



- Find ERIC, and uncheck the box. Check the box for Education Research Complete, and click **Continue**. Notice that you could leave both boxes checked, and search both databases at the same time.
- Type in “Emergent Literacy,” change the field to **Subject Term**, and click **Search**. How many results? _____
- On the left, you can narrow your results to articles in **Academic Journals** (these articles are more likely to be peer-reviewed or scholarly). Click to limit to Academic Journals. How many results do you now have? _____
- Look at result #3 “Emergent literacy: why should we be concerned?”. Notice the link to **Cited References**. This links to the bibliography of the article, and each item in the bibliography contains citation information, and the ArticleLinker button to check for availability.