Google Scholar Part 2

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Google Scholar Part Two: Advanced Search

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- you want to search for a keyword in the title of an article, and not just in the article’s text
- if you’re looking for a specific article or a publication
- if you’re looking for a work by a specific author
- if you want to limit your search by date

Make sure you read what’s written to the left, and put your keywords in the correct corresponding box. Now, let’s try a search and review our results. You can see the title of the resource, the author of the resource, and if the author’s name is underlined, you can click on it to see other research by this person. You can see additional publication information. You can see snippets from resources containing search keywords in bold. And, you can see related articles to see additional resources on the same topic. Note the very helpful feature Cited by. This link will list other articles or researchers who have cited this resource or included this resource in their reference or bibliography. This shows you firsthand the scholarly research process. You can see who is citing whom, what experts might be continuing to research this topic, or continuing the studies or updating the research findings. When something has been cited a lot, it can mean that the resource was foundational, revolutionary, or controversial. Remember, the more recent works are less likely to have been cited a lot, simply because there hasn’t been time for new research to emerge.

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