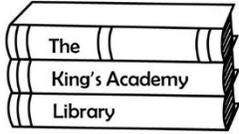# Using the Library's Online Resources

The library offers a variety of online resources for research. Here are some of the options that will best suit your research needs for this particular project:

Ebrary

Ebrary offers a wide range of resources, including over 125,000 ebooks and access to some scholarly journal articles. You will need a log in to use Ebrary. The librarian will give you your user name and password.
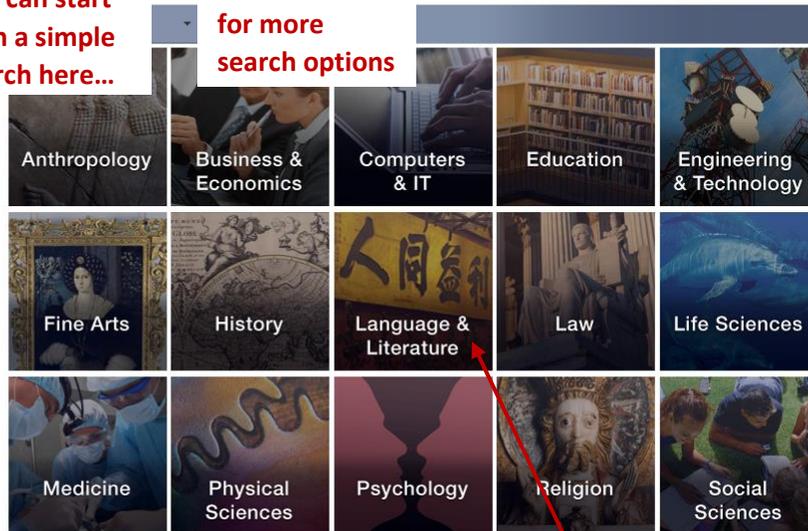
Sign in here!

You can start with a simple search here…

…or click "Advanced" for more search options

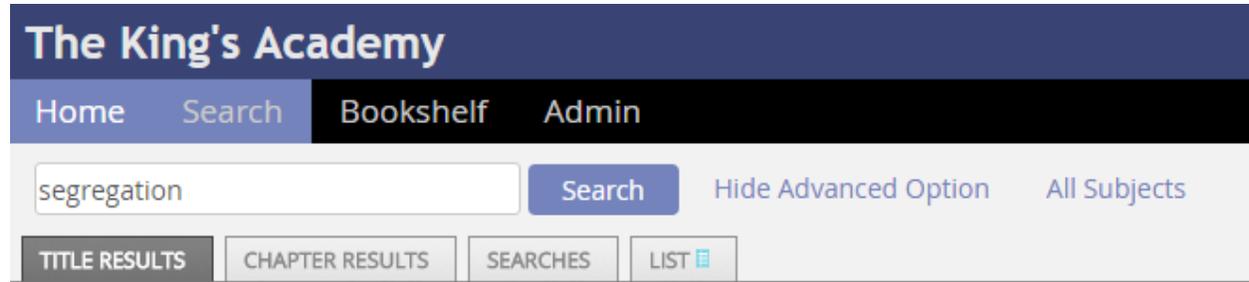**If you need some extra tips on searching, be sure to check out the How-to Videos and LibGuides.**

I also have the option of choosing a Subject to begin my search process. For example, you might want to look under the "Language and Literature" Subject heading.

Here's an example of a search using Ebrary:

My topic is "How segregation affected African American society."

After clicking "Advanced," I am brought to the "Advanced Search Page."

I am going to start by typing in my first search terms, "**Segregation**." Start broad and narrow your search as you go.

When I click "Search," I see that I get **31,398 results**! That's too many to look through. I also notice that not all the results are related to African Americans. I should now begin narrowing my search.

Since my topic is "How segregation affected African American society," I should use "**African American**" as another search term to narrow my search.

To add another search term box, click the "**+**" next to the search box.
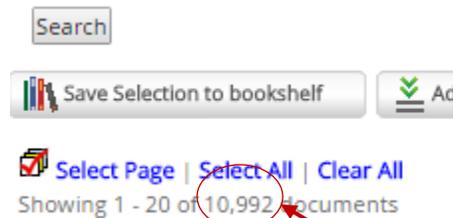
Using Boolean Operators

When typing in my search terms, I am going to use **quotation marks** around the terms and **Boolean Operators** to connect them.

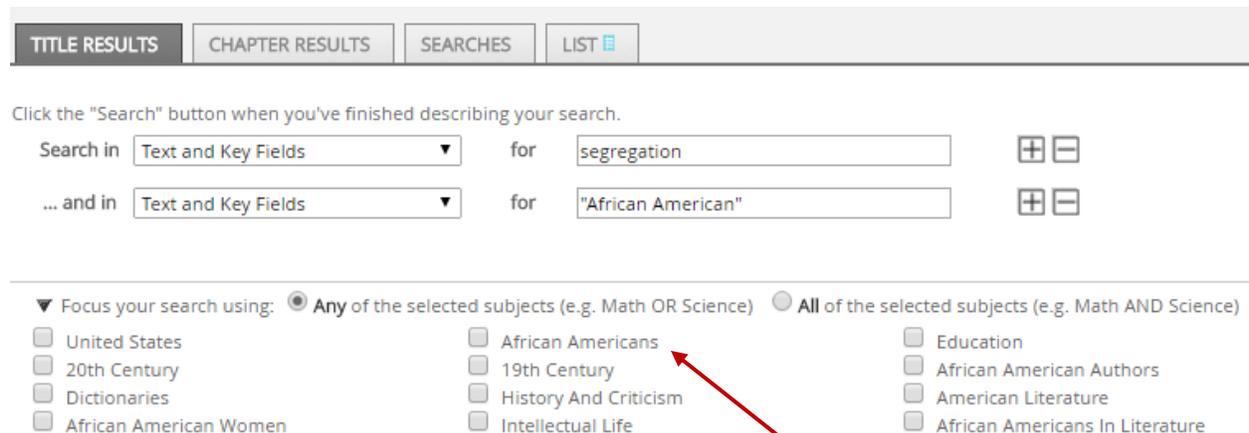Boolean Operators tell the search engine how I want my terms to connect. The most common are:

- AND – Include all terms
- OR – Use one or the other term
- NOT – Exclude this term

For example, if I want my results to include the terms Hiroshima and atomic bomb, I need to place the terms in **quotations marks** and insert the Boolean Operator **AND** between them.

In the new search box that appears, I am going to type the term "**African American**" and hit enter to refresh my search.

Search

Save Selection to bookshelf   Ad

Select Page | Select All | Clear All
Showing 1 - 20 of 10,992 documents

I see that I now have **10,992 results**. That's still a lot to go through.

| TITLE RESULTS | CHAPTER RESULTS | SEARCHES | LIST |

Click the "Search" button when you've finished describing your search.

Search in Text and Key Fields ▼ for segregation

... and in Text and Key Fields ▼ for "African American"

▼ Focus your search using: ● Any of the selected subjects (e.g. Math OR Science) ○ All of the selected subjects (e.g. Math AND Science)

☐ United States   ☐ African Americans   ☐ Education
☐ 20th Century   ☐ 19th Century   ☐ African American Authors
☐ Dictionaries   ☐ History And Criticism   ☐ American Literature
☐ African American Women   ☐ Intellectual Life   ☐ African Americans In Literature

You may have noticed that there are **search term suggestions** below your search boxes. These terms can offer some helpful hints when trying to narrow down your searches. Only click one at a time, then hit enter.

You will notice that your search result number changes, as do the suggested search terms each time you add a new one. By clicking on "**20th Century**" as an additional search term, I narrow my search results significantly. Once you have your search results down to a manageable number, you can begin going through and evaluating them.

When you find a search result that you really like, be sure to look at its "**Subjects**." These key words can be used in your searches to help you find results that are similar to the one you like.
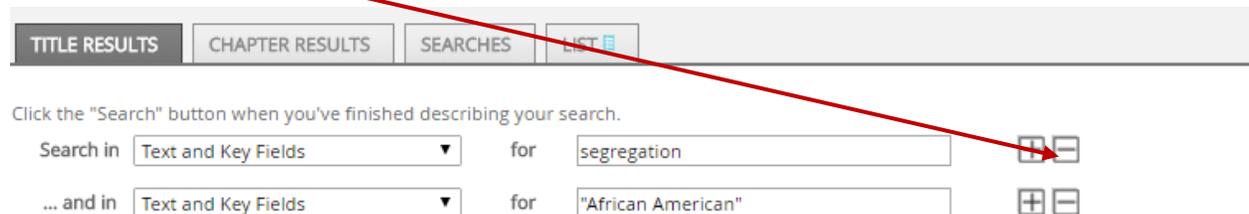
Representing Segregation
Author: Norman, Brian Williams, Piper Kendrix Moody, Joycelyn
Publisher: SUNY Press
Date Published: 04/2010
Subjects: American literature -- African American authors -- History and criticism. American literature -- 20th century -- History and criticism. Segregation in literature. Race in literature. African Americans in literature. African Americans -- Segregation -- Historiography.
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You can also click on "**Find Similar**."

Most of your results will be ebooks. You can download them to your device to use later, or read them online.

If you find that you have narrowed down your results too much and you are not finding what you need, start removing search terms. You do this by clicking the "**-**" by the search term you want to remove.

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You can then enter your search term(s) using **Boolean Operators**.