Middle Search Plus Teacher's Guide

Welcome!

With this tutorial, EBSCO Information Services can help you use *MAS Complete* in a school or library environment, and put full-text information at your fingertips.

MAS Complete contains:

- Full text for more than 540 popular, high school magazines
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- Over 105,000 primary source documents
- Indexing and abstracts for nearly 650 magazines
- Image collection of 502,000 photos, maps, and flags

All full-text articles are assigned a reading level indicator (Lexile).

Ordering a Search

Your task is to help students with a Grade 10 research project about Mark Twain. With this database, your tools are...

- Keywords
- Lexiles
- Saving Searches

Keywords

When choosing keywords, think globally and specifically. For example...

- Mark Twain
- Samuel Clemens
- Huckleberry Finn
- Tom Sawyer
- Mississippi River
- Missouri
- 19th Century
- American life

<u>Keyword Accessories</u>: Use Boolean Operators to help define your search.

And - combines search terms so that each search result contains all of the terms. For example, **Mark Twain and Huckleberry Finn** finds articles that contain *both terms*.

Or - combines search terms so that each search result contains at least one of the terms. For example, **Mark Twain or Huckleberry Finn** finds results that contain *either term*.

Not - excludes terms so that each search result does not contain any of the terms that follow it. For example, **Mark Twain not Huckleberry Finn** finds results that contain the term *Mark Twain* but **not** the term *Huckleberry Finn*.

<u>Full Text</u>: Select the full-text limiter to return only articles that are complete in the database.



Reading a Search Result List

You can filter a result list and look at the type of article you want by clicking a source type at the left of your result list. If you click "Biographies" your list will include only the biographical articles that match your keyword search.



Click on the title to preview an article summary or abstract and read the full text. If it fits your needs, save it to your folder and/or print it.

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president, Clemens later recalled, "smiled a smile which would have done no discredit to a cast-iron image and I got away under the smoke of my volley."

"The Man in the White Suit" New Yorker

	The Adventures of Samuel L. Clemens ," by Jerome Loving. The author suggests that Twain was sometimes regarded as a failure by his peers and that he was also known for his acting.	
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No one thinks this way anymore, as the enormous publicity that has attended the new edition of the "Autobiography of Mark Twain: Volume 1" (California; \$34.95) shows. Books

Keyboard Tricks

If you know the title of a specific article, but forget the name of the journal and want to go back to it, enter the title in the KEYWORD Find field.

Lexiles

Information you retrieve on *MAS Complete* includes a Lexile, which is a number indicating the reading difficulty of the information you're searching and the approximate grade level equivalent required for comprehension.

Use Lexiles to choose articles written at an appropriate reading level for students.

Grade/Lexile Range

Grade	Text Measures (from the Lexile Map)
Grade 1	200 to 400
Grade 2	300 to 500
Grade 3	500 to 700
Grade 4	650 to 850
Grade 5	750 to 950
Grade 6	850 to 1050
Grade 7	950 to 1075
Grade 8	1000 to 1100
Grade 9	1050 to 1150
Grade 10	1100 to 1200
Grade 11 & 12	1100 to 1300

If you know a student's target Lexile number, articles within 100 points above or 50 points below the number are appropriate.

If a student reads at a Grade 4 level, articles with a lower Lexile will be easier to read.

Articles with varied Lexiles on the same topic will help meet the reading needs of a heterogeneous class.

Now let's bring Keyword and Lexile together in a search.

Customizing Lexile

To expand Lexile search beyond limits set in the dropdown, go to the keyword **Find** field, type in your keyword, followed by the phrase **and LX** and the range of Lexiles you'd like to see. It can be either a wider or narrower range.

LX is a search code for Lexile.

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