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
- Full text for thousands of biographies, historical essays, and student pamphlets
- 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*.

Full Text: 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.

Sample Article Results

"Give the Book to Clemens", *American History*

PDF Full Text (369KB)

Find Similar Results using SmartText Searching.

Document Type: Article

Subject Terms: GRANT, Ulysses S. (Ulysses Simpson), 1822-1885
TWAIN, Mark, 1835-1910
WEBSTER & Co.

Abstract: Provides information on the publishing of the memoirs of Ulysses S. Grant by **Samuel** Langhorne **Clemens**, who is also known as Mark Twain. Details on the first meeting between Grant and **Clemens**; Description of Grant; Grant's health by early 1885; Relations between Grant and **Clemens**; Details on the sale of Grant's book; Profits realized by Webster and Company from the sale of Grant's memoirs.

Lexile: 1150

Full Text Word Count: 2724

ISSN: 10768866

Accession Number: 1587352

Database: MAS Complete

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STRUGGLING BUSINESSMEN AND UNLIKELY FRIENDS, ULYSSES S. GRANT AND SAMUEL LANGHORNE CLEMENS JOINED FORCES TO WRITE THE FINAL CHAPTER IN GRINT'S LIFE.
Samuel Langhorne **Clemens'** first meeting with President Ulysses S. Grant was less than memorable. The famed writer and humorist, better known as Mark Twain, had little in common with the stoic chief executive. As he shook hands with Grant during a visit to the White House in 1870, **Clemens** found himself uncharacteristically at a loss for words. After a few moments of awkward silence he said to his expressionless host, "Mr. President, I am embarrassed. Are you?"

The 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."

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"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.

Lexile: 1280

Full Text Word Count: 5177

ISSN: 0028792X

Accession Number: 55489468

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Section:
THE CRITICS
A CRITIC AT LARGE
Why the Mark Twain industry keeps growing.
There was a time, now long forgotten, when Mark Twain was frankly regarded as a failure. Van Wyck Brooks, the literary historian, became famous in the nineteen-twenties with a book, "The Ordeal of Mark Twain," arguing that Twain, despite outsized gifts, had produced a stunted body of work: a great novel (or at least two-thirds of one) in "Huck Finn," one good book for boys in "Tom Sawyer," a couple of chapters of memoir in "Life on the Mississippi," and not much else worth keeping. There was "Innocents Abroad" and "Roughing It," baggy and relentlessly facetious, and a couple of one-joke productions that are notable mostly for their titles, "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court" and "The Prince and the Pauper," and whose sturdy high concepts--New England inventor time-travels to Camelot; rich and poor look-alikes change identities--can't save their stodgy execution. Brooks put the blame for Twain's failure to develop on the thinness of American life, its cult of worldly success, its hearty insistence on conformity, and its--odd note now--"woman-centered" cult of literature. (Twain's prissy wife, Olivia, comes in for a lot of scolding, too.) Where France could make a Hugo and Britain a Dickens, America trapped its writers in a grim oscillation between gentility and regular-guydom, and Twain was a victim of both.

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.

Print/Email/Save

To save, print, or email EBSCO*host* data:

1. Save the article to your folder by clicking the **Add to folder** link below the title of your result.

2. The saved articles will appear on the right side of the search results under **Folder has items**. Click on the **Folder view** link.

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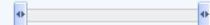Relevance ⌄   Page Options ⌄   Alert / Save / Share ⌄

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☐ Biographies (6)
☐ Reference Books (1)

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1. **Character Synthesis in THE ADVENTURES OF HUCKLEBERRY FINN.** 🔍
   By: Davis Wood, Daniel. *Explicator*. 2012, Vol. 70 Issue 2, p83-86. 4p. DOI: 10.1080/00144940.2012.665954.
   Subjects: LITERARY critiques; ADVENTURES of **Huckleberry Finn**, The (Book); TWAIN, Mark, 1835-1910; **FINN, Huckleberry** (Fictitious character); SLAVERY in literature; PERSONALITY development in literature; CHARACTERS & characteristics in literature

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3. **Huckleberry Finn Enriched.** 🔍
   By: Mayberry, George. *Nation*. 8/26/1968, Vol. 207 Issue 5, p154-157. 3p.
   Subjects: CANON (Literature); **FINN, Huckleberry** (Fictitious character); MARX, Leo; TWAIN, Mark, 1835-1910; EDITIONS; ADVENTURES of **Huckleberry Finn**, The (Book)

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   Periodical

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3. Your folder is now open, showing you what you have saved. Click on a Delivery Option located above the articles.

Alerts Functionality: Save A Search for Later

There are times when you may not be able to print or email the articles you need. Or you may need to perform the same search again.

1. Conduct your search on either Basic or Advanced search, using terms and limiters of your choice.

2. When you see your list of articles, click on the **Search History/Alerts** link below the **Find** field.

3. Clicking on the **Search History/Alerts** link will open a window, summarizing your search terms and linking you to your results list.

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4. If you click on **Save Searches/Alerts**, you will reach a personal account login page. By creating an account, you can save information or set up alerts that will notify you when EBSCO*host* finds new information relating to your original search parameters. This information is added automatically to your personal folder.

This marks the end of your tutorial.