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1. Identifying the keywords for your topic. Circle the terms you would use for keywords in each of the paper themes below. How would you link the terms? What synonyms or related terms might you also use?

- What's the audience for independent films today?
- How are independent films marketed and distributed in the United States today?
- How have new digital technologies affected independent films?
- What effect have the new niche markets had on independent film making?

2. Boolean searching techniques. See <http://library.hunter.cuny.edu/tdoyle>. Choose **General Searching Strategies**.

3. Getting access to databases at home.

Database access from home: the proxy server. I recommend that you sign up for the proxy server as soon as possible. This will give you complete access to the online full text that Hunter subscribes to. To sign up online go to **<http://library.hunter.cuny.edu/proxy.htm>**. Make sure you've gotten a barcode to stick on you id from the circulation desk of the third floor of the library; you'll need it to sign up for the proxy server. (Even without the proxy server, you can get remote access to those databases that feature the green house. Just click on it and enter your library barcode.)

4. Academic Search Premier (<http://library.hunter.cuny.edu/webres.htm>; for tutorial see <http://library.hunter.cuny.edu/tdoyle>). Academic Search Premier is a multi-disciplinary database containing a mix of scholarly and popular literature. ASP goes well back to the 1980s for many titles and even earlier for some; many recent articles are full text.

5. Getting in.

From <http://library.hunter.cuny.edu/webres> choose



6. Suppose you're interested in the marketing and distribution of independent films. In the top box type *independent film**; in the second box type *market* or distrib**.

Find:	<input type="text"/>	in	Default Fields	<input type="button" value="Search"/>
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7. This search should yield about 100 articles. (Note: if you're looking for scholarly literature on the topic, you should simply type *independent film**, which will give you roughly 40 scholarly articles.)

8. Searching the full text. The Default fields are author, title, journal title, subject terms, and abstract. Notice, however, that you can search the full text (where available).

<input type="text" value="independent film*"/>	in	Default Fields
<input type="text" value="market or distribute"/>	in	Default Fields
<input type="text"/>	in	TX All Text
		AU Author
		TI Title
		SU Subject Terms

[Search Tips](#)


9. To see the full citation click on the article's title. Only those citations with full text links (HTML or PDF) come with the full text.

10. Email. You can email citations, abstracts, and full text (HTML or PDF [as an attachment]). Just click on **Email** above the citation.

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11. Putting together a search in Academic Search Premier. Try to find 25 or so articles on topic *Ia.* above.

12. Lexis Nexis (<http://library.hunter.cuny.edu/webres.htm>; see tutorial at <http://library.hunter.cuny.edu/tdoyle>). Lexis-Nexis is primarily a full text newspaper and legal database. It has the full text of hundreds of newspapers, foreign and domestic. It also includes newspapers in the following languages: Dutch, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, and Spanish.

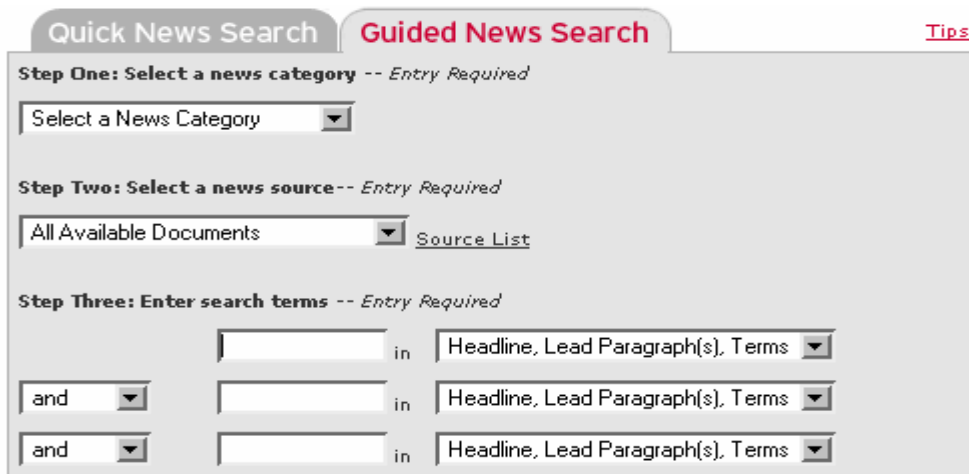
13. Getting in. From <http://library.hunter.cuny.edu/webres> choose **Lexis-Nexis** (on the left, under Full Text). Once in click on .

14. Conducting a search. There are four steps, the first three of which are mandatory.

Step one: Select **General News**.

Step two: Select **Major Papers**.

Step three: In the first box type *independent films*; in the second box type *market! or distribute*. Note: the exclamation point has the same function in Lexis-Nexis and the asterisk in most other databases.



Step four: for date range select **previous two years**.



15. Results. L-N lists results chronologically. Clicking on **Sort by relevance** will bring the most relevant articles to the top of your list. Typing additional words in **Focus** will narrow your search. To see the full text click on the newspaper name.

16. Limiting to *The New York Times*

Step Five: Search this publication title(s) -- Optional

new york times [Search](#) [Clear Form](#)

17. Notice the other options under News Category.

Step One: Select a news category -- Entry Required

General News [Source List](#)

Select a News Category

- General News
- Today's News
- U.S. News
- World News
- News Wires
- News Transcripts
- Arts & Sports News
- Non-English Language News
- Business News
- Legal News
- University News

Entry Required

Entry Required

Headline and Lead Paragraph(s)

18. Searching non-English language sources. Under Step One choose **Non-English Language News**. Under Step Two choose the language you're interested in.

Lexis-Nexis also allows you to email the article (upper right of screen, once you're in the article).

19. Sociological Abstracts. Sociological Abstracts is the premier index for scholarly materials in sociology. Some recent articles link to the full text.

20. Getting in. Go to <http://libraries.cuny.edu/resource.htm> and select **Sociological Abstracts** (right side of screen).

21. Searching. You're best off keeping your search broad in Sociological Abstracts. Type *independent film* or film making*.

22. Most of the articles indexed in Sociological Abstracts come only with abstracts. Those articles that link to full text indicate this above the citation. To see the full record click on **View Record** in the citation.

<input type="checkbox"/>	7 of 138	View Record	
TI:	Are We There Yet? Reflections on Work and Family as an Emergent Social Issue		
AU:	Dubeck, Paula J		
SO:	Sociological Focus, 2002, 35, 4, Nov, 317-330		
<input type="checkbox"/>	8 of 138	View Record	Full-Text
TI:	My Name Is Not Maria: Young Latinas Seeking Home in the Heartland		
AU:	Williams, L Susan ; Alvarez, Sandra D ; Hauck, Kevin S Andrade		
SO:	Social Problems, 2002, 49, 4, Nov, 563-584		

23. Other relevant databases available from <http://library.hunter.cuny.edu/webres.htm>: Anthropological Literature and Social Sciences Abstracts.

24. Determining whether Hunter has the journals. Often you'll find that Academic Search Premier and Sociological Abstracts only offer the abstract. There are two places to search if you're looking for the article.

25. Electronic Journals (<http://library.hunter.cuny.edu>). This link provides a complete alphabetical list of all the journals that Hunter has online access to. It also provides dates and links to the issues (see below).

Scientific American is available from 01/01/1995 to present in [Academic Search Premier](#), [Business Source Premier](#) and [Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition](#).

26. CUNY+ (<http://library.hunter.cuny.edu>). This is our online catalog. Once in type the journal or magazine name in the second box.

Browse an Alphabetical List

Type word or phrase:

Select list to browse:

27. Click on **Sierra**.

1 [Sierra](#)

28. Note **Format** field. *Serial* indicates magazine, newspaper, or journal. Click on **Hunter-Main** to get information about dates that Hunter has and where the journal is kept.

#	Author	Title	Year	Format	Holdings
1	<input type="checkbox"/> Sierra Club.	Sierra_	1977	Serial	Hunter-Main

29. Interlibrary loan. Interlibrary loan is available to graduate students only. Send your requests to illhc@hunter.cuny.edu, one request per email. Orders take two weeks on average to fill.