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[Infotrac General Reference Center Gold](#)

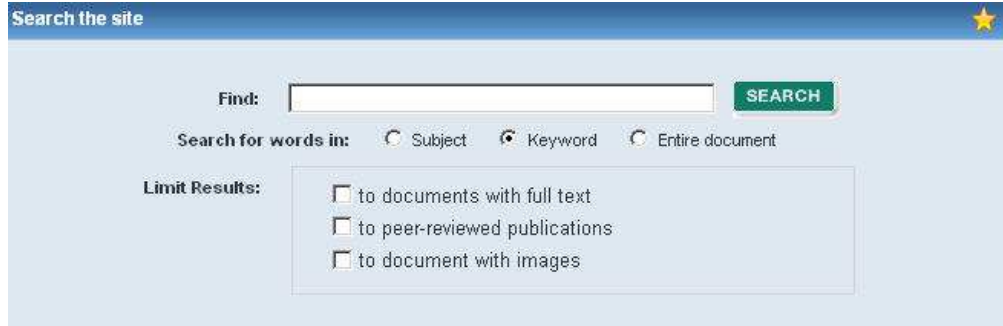
The screenshot shows the Infotrac General Reference Center Gold website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'CHANGE DATABASES', 'TOOLBOX', 'DUNDEE TOWNSHIP LIBRARY', 'RETURN TO LIBRARY', and 'NOT SIGNED IN? LOGIN'. Below this is the main header with the 'General Reference Center GOLD' logo and 'INFOTRAC' text. A secondary navigation bar includes 'HOME', 'BROWSE SUBJECTS', 'BROWSE PUBLICATIONS', 'ADVANCED SEARCH', and 'SEARCH HISTORY'. The main content area is divided into a left sidebar and a right main section. The sidebar contains a 'Dashboard' with 'Currently searching:' information (62,895,132 articles updated as of May 7, 2010), a 'Date Range:' of 1980-2010, and an 'About General Reference Center Gold:' section. The main section features a search bar with a 'SEARCH' button and options for 'Search for words in:' (Subject, Keyword, Entire document) and 'Limit Results:' (to documents with full text, to peer-reviewed publications, to document with images). Below the search bar are tabs for 'What's New', 'Global Warming', 'Barack Obama', 'Healthcare Reform', and 'Learn More About RSS Feeds'. Two search results are displayed, each with a 'Full-text' link. The first result is an essay titled 'The Edge of Ice: an up-close and informative encounter with glaciers in the Southern Patagonian Ice Fields of Chile and Argentina brings the effects of climate change to global awareness.' from 'Americas (English Edition)'. The second result is a book review titled '2020: Coal Burning Must Stop; Kills 30,000 Yearly.(Living Green)' from 'Basilandspice.com'.

Whether you are looking up articles for a school project on global warming or reviews of the latest *Iron Man* movie, **Infotrac** is a great database for finding articles from periodicals (newspapers, journals, and magazines). **Infotrac** has articles dating as far back as 1980 and as current as May. Many of the articles are full text (especially newer ones) and you can find pictures and encyclopedia articles too. **Infotrac** is a good source for researching current events and popular culture, as well as sciences, the arts, business, and much more.

Searching in Infotrac:

Infotrac has basic and advanced search options. The advanced search is most useful for someone looking for a specific article or type of article.

Basic Searching:



The screenshot shows the 'Search the site' interface. At the top, there is a blue header with the text 'Search the site' and a yellow star icon. Below the header is a search box with the label 'Find:' and a green 'SEARCH' button. Underneath the search box are three radio buttons for 'Search for words in:': 'Subject', 'Keyword' (which is selected), and 'Entire document'. Below these are three checkboxes under the heading 'Limit Results:': 'to documents with full text', 'to peer-reviewed publications', and 'to document with images'.

There are three types of searches that can be done with the basic search box: subject, keyword or relevance (aka. the entire document).

- ⇒ Subject searching is the most effective for finding articles focused on your topic. It looks for the terms you entered in the subject heading index. If you have trouble finding articles, you may want to browse subjects to make sure you are using the right terms. Subject searches work best if you only enter one or two terms.
- ⇒ Keyword: This is a useful search if you cannot find results for your subject search or if you want to search articles that contain a few topics (i.e. articles relating to both "James Cameron" and "climate change"). If you are searching for multiple topics, make sure to put "and" between the topics.
- ⇒ Relevance searches search the entire document for the words you entered. Not all the articles that you retrieve searching this way will be focused on your topic.

Additionally, **Infotrac** gives you the option to limit your searches to full text, peer-reviewed publications, and documents with images.

Advanced searching:

Advanced Search [Search Tips](#)
Currently searching **General Reference Center Gold** with 62,895,132 articles updated as recently as May 7, 2010.

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SEARCH [Add a Row](#)

Limit your search by any of the criteria listed below. Limiters may be combined with terms entered in the above Boolean search.

Limit Results:

to documents with full text
 to peer-reviewed publications
 to document with images

By Document Type:

None selected
Abstract
Advertisement
Agency Overview

Publication date(s):

Publication date(s):
i.e., 2005 or 01/01/1990-12/31/2005

Publication titles: [Browse Publication titles >>](#)

Publication Subject: [Browse Publication subjects >>](#)

Lexile score:

SEARCH **RESET**

Advanced searching is similar to basic searching, but with many additional options, including searching by author, word count, language, or publishers. You also have more limits including searching within a publication, publication dates, document type, or Lexile score (useful for children in grade school).

Other Features:

- ⇒ **Browse Subject:** If you are having trouble finding your subject while searching or you want to see subtopics on a particular subject, this is a useful feature.
- ⇒ **Browse Publication:** Explore articles from a specific publication.
- ⇒ **What's New:** On the homepage for **Infotrac**, this shows you articles that are new to the database on hot topics. A cool feature for exploring current events.
- ⇒ **Search History:** Keeps tracks of what searches you did, incase you want to go back and find a useful article again.

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