Researching Stem Cell Research

Theology IV

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In order to thoroughly research and educate yourself about the topic of **Stem Cell Research***, you must read about the topic in a variety of different academic and scholarly sources. Read as much as possible so you will be prepared to present your case and answer any questions or objections with finesse.*

Do not "just Google it" and select whatever sites pop up on the top of the list. If you want to perform a web search, I recommend the search engine RefSeek (www.refseek.com), which is designed for students and produces more academic search results.

You are fortunate to have a world of information available literally at your fingertips. Here are some recommended resources to help you learn more about Stem Cell Research!

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Print Resources

Contemporary Issues: Cloning	(174 CLO)
Embryonic and Adult Stem Cells	(616.027 EMB)
The Interaction of Catholic Bioethics and Secular Society	(174.2 S157 I)
An Introduction to Bioethics	(174.2 S524 I)
Opposing Viewpoints: Biomedical Ethics	(174.2 BIO)
Thinking Critically: Stem Cell Research	(616.02 DUD)

Databases

You can access the **Gale Databases** through the Learning Commons website (https://www.saintjosephprep.org/academics/learning-commons). Each database provides numerous articles from reputable scholarly journals and magazines which will provide valuable information. For this project, I recommend the following databases:

1. *Health Reference Center Academic*
2. *Global Issues in Context*
3. *Science in Context*
4. *Religion and Philosophy Collection*

On the Web

- Refseek (http://www.refseek.com)
- Euro Stem Cell (http://www.eurostemcell.org/explore-stem-cells)
- How Stuff Works: Science (http://science.howstuffworks.com)
- International Society for Stem Cell Research
  (http://www.closerlookatstemcells.org/learn-about-stem-cells/)
- Learn Genetics (http://learn.genetics.utah.edu/content/stemcells/)
- University of Notre Dame Center for Stem Cells and Regenerative Medicine
  (https://stemcell.nd.edu/)
- 9 Principles of Good Debating (http://onlinelearn.edschool.virginia.edu/debate/theninepop.html)

Search Strategies

When doing online research it is important to consult a variety of resources, including the Gale Databases, the SJP print collection, ebooks, online encyclopedias, and other pertinent websites.

As you read and learn more about your topic, expand your research by creating a list of keywords and using a variety of search terms, limiters and search operators. It is also important to evaluate your resources for **Authority, Intent, Reliability, Timeliness** and **Usefulness**.

[Refining your Search Results](.) (Prezi)

[Evaluating Resources](.) (video tutorial)

Refine your search results by using these search limiters and search operators:

Boolean operators	**Search Limiters**
And (+)	"Search term" find exact match
Not (-)	~Search term find synonyms
Near	Site:.gov limit to particular sites
Or (combine searches)	Related: find related sites
	Info: find details about site
Wild Cards	News: find news articles
Bibl*	Intext: finds term in text of article
Teen*	Intitle: finds term in title of article
	Link:URL finds sites that point to URL

Follow the Clues

Click on links that may lead to further information. Check the references included at the end of articles to find additional resources.

MLA Format

Please note that the MLA Format has been revised. Please consult the Purdue OWL (Online Writing Lab) website before composing your citations. You can also use the Practice Template (below) from the *MLA Handbook* (8th edition) to guide you.

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