



Tracking a Good Article: who else has used this work?

In Web of Science (WoS), it is possible to find records of articles which post-date a useful article and cite (refer to) it. The useful article does not have to have a record in the database.

Despite its name, Web of Science indexes the contents of journals publishing in all fields, not just Science.

Accessing Web of Science (WoS)

As well as having an entry in The Library's W page of databases, many of The Library's webpages listing databases useful in finding academic literature in a subject include Web of Science.

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Work citing a useful article

Do a specific search to find a record in WoS for the useful article.

If WoS has a record for it, there will be the option to generate a list of the work cited by the authors, labelled **References**, as well as to generate a list of the works WoS knows to have the article in their reference lists, labelled **Citations**.

The screenshot shows a search result for the article "Adapting Western Research Methods to Indigenous Ways of Knowing" by Simonds, VW and Christopher, S, published in the American Journal of Public Health in Dec 2013. The article is highlighted in yellow. To the right of the article title, the number "90" is displayed in blue, with the word "Citations" below it. Below this, the number "79" is displayed in blue, with the word "References" below it. A black arrow points from the "90 Citations" text to the "Citations" button in the second screenshot.

Selecting/Clicking on the Citations number generates a list of works which have cited the article.

The Citations' list could be Sorted to have the most cited at the top, or the search box in the Refine results menu could be used to search within the list for records which include a word or phrase of interest.

The screenshot shows the "89 results cited" page. On the left, there is a "Refine results" section with a search box containing the text "maori* OR 'new zealand*' OR Aotearoa". On the right, there is a "Citation Report" button. A black arrow points from the "Citation Report" button to the "Citation Report" button in the second screenshot.

Records for the same work from different WoS sections are de-duplicated so that only one remains.

Generating a Citations list for work without a WoS record

From the main home page, go to CITED REFERENCES.

Here you can change the default options and use different parameters to search for the work you want to investigate, eg enter the title of a book chapter against Cited Title.

Search in: Web of Science Core Collection ▾ Editions: All ▾

DOCUMENTS AUTHORS **CITED REFERENCES** STRUCTURE

Cited Author ▾ lee AZ X

And ▾ Cited Title ▾ Development of Face-Processing Ability in Childhood X

And ▾ Cited Year(s) ▾ 2013 X

It is best practice to use the name of the first author. If a second author's name is used, variants (incorrectly cited references) may not be found and you will miss finding relevant papers but which mis-cite your reference.

Using an asterisk at the end of the author name can help to avoid missing variants.

Not all the boxes need to be filled for a search to work.

If there is a standard WoS abbreviation for a journal title, using it can be helpful. Use the Search option or copy and paste from the list.

DOCUMENTS AUTHORS **CITED REFERENCES** STRUCTURE

Cited Author ▾ born* AZ X

And ▾ Cited Work ▾ ANN PHYS-BERLIN AZ X

[View abbreviation list](#)

Sometimes articles are cited incorrectly by authors or added incorrectly to a database, eg page numbers slightly wrong, volume number missing...

To generate the Citations list, select the entries which look like they refer to the work you are investigating and then "See Results".

2 Cited References

Step 2: Select the cited references in this list that match the author(s) or work(s) you are interested in, then See Results.

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Using Citations number to decide on what to read

The results list of a search run to find potentially useful reading on a topic can be sorted to have the most cited at the top.

Search: "quantum theory" AND molecu* (Topic)

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Rank	Title	Author(s)	Date	Journal	Citations	References
1	A fast and robust algorithm for Bader decomposition of charge density	Henkelman, G; Arnaldsson, A and Jonsson, H	Jun 2006	Computational Materials Science	5,134	29
2	A QUANTUM-THEORY OF MOLECULAR-STRUCTURE AND ITS APPLICATIONS	BADER, RFW	Jul-aug 1991	Chemical Reviews	4,231	154
3	Quantum theory of molecules	Born, M and Oppenheimer, R	1927	Annalen Der Physik	2,785	11

Work can be cited for different reasons, including as an example of poor research or to disagree in some way with the findings published or its methodology. Nevertheless, it may be worthwhile reading the more highly cited articles in a list.

WoS provides other ways to help decide on papers which may be worth reading.

Quick Filters

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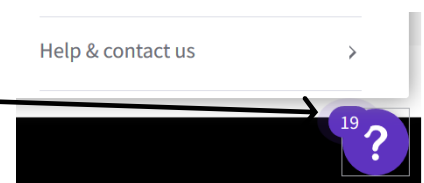
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