Readers’ Guide Full Text Select (H. W. Wilson) - Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What is Readers’ Guide Full Text Select?

A. Readers’ Guide Full Text Select is a 100% full-text database, which provides searchable full text, as well as abstracting and indexing for a broad selection of the most-wanted popular periodicals. It is a comprehensive tool for educators, students or any library patron seeking current events coverage, curriculum support or access to quality periodicals.

Q. What is included in Readers’ Guide Full Text Select?

A. Readers’ Guide Full Text Select includes searchable full text as far back as 1994 with professionally written abstracts and high-quality indexing.

Q. How often is Readers’ Guide Full Text Select updated?

A. Readers’ Guide Full Text Select is updated daily.

Q. How should Readers’ Guide Full Text Select be used?

A. Readers’ Guide Full Text Select should be used to find information on a particular topic or to find publications of interest. You can use Basic Search or Advanced Search to enter search terms. These searches can be narrowed by using the search options and limiters available. You can also browse Publications to find a specific title or Subjects to find titles containing a specific subject.

Q. How can I get a complete coverage list for Readers’ Guide Full Text Select?

A. A complete coverage list for Readers’ Guide Full Text Select may be found here: http://ebscohost.com/academic/readers-guide-full-text-select.

Q. What subjects are covered in Readers’ Guide Full Text Select?

A. Readers’ Guide Full Text Select subject coverage includes: art; business; education; entertainment; fashion; health & medicine; history; politics; religion; sports & fitness; travel.

Q. Which searching and browsing screens are available on Readers’ Guide Full Text Select?

A. You can conduct a Basic Search or Advanced Search of Readers’ Guide Full Text Select. The default start page is the advanced search page. Library administrators can change the style of the Advanced Search screen within the EBSCOadmin Module.
Advanced Search limiters include:

- Full Text
- Publication
- Publication Type
- Articles with Images
- ISSN
- PDF Full Text
- Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals
- Publication Date Range
- Document Type
- Number of Pages
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Q. What is the difference between *Readers’ Guide Full Text Select* and the other Readers’ Guide products?

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Q. What changes occurred when *Readers’ Guide Full Text Select* was moved from H. W. Wilson to EBSCO?

A. H. W. Wilson databases were known for well-developed thesauri and precision indexing. When EBSCO acquired H. W. Wilson’s products, a central goal was to maintain and continue H. W. Wilson’s high-quality indexing using EBSCO’s Comprehensive Subject index (CSI). Working with the H. W. Wilson Editorial team, EBSCO’s lexicographers merged Wilson thesauri with EBSCO’s CSI, and as a result, we have retained the relationships between all H. W. Wilson terms and Wilson-created records, while enhancing our existing controlled vocabulary.
H. W. Wilson terms were mapped to identical or equivalent EBSCO subject headings. In many cases, CSI Editors determined that H. W. Wilson thesaurus headings represented new concepts, and those were added to EBSCO’s Comprehensive Subject Index. Wilson terms that could not be mapped and did not fit criteria for inclusion in EBSCO’s CSI were retained as keywords within the citation records.

Q. How can I set up a URL to link directly into Readers’ Guide Full Text Select?

A. URL parameters can be used to enable direct links from an external web page to the Readers’ Guide Full Text Select Home Page. A sample URL is:


If you would like your users to bypass the Select Service Screen and go directly to a specific EBSCO interface, you should pass the profile parameter on your URL. For example, to reach the Readers’ Guide Full Text Select Home Page, use this URL: