
Q. What is Readers’ Guide to Periodical Literature?

A. Readers’ Guide to Periodical Literature is a comprehensive tool for educators, students or any researcher seeking current events coverage, curriculum support or access to quality periodicals.

Q. What is included in Readers’ Guide to Periodical Literature?

A. Readers’ Guide to Periodical Literature includes indexing of over 450 periodicals as far back as 1983.

Q. How often is Readers’ Guide to Periodical Literature updated?

A. Readers’ Guide to Periodical Literature is updated daily.

Q. How may I obtain a copy of the print edition of Readers’ Guide to Periodical Literature?


Q. Is Abridged Readers’ Guide to Periodical Literature still available in print?

A. Yes, Abridged Readers’ Guide to Periodical Literature is still available in print. It is now printed twice a year (March and September) with a cumulative annual printed in December. Subscriptions to the print edition are available here: http://www.hwwilsoninprint.com/periodicals.php.

Q. How should Readers’ Guide to Periodical Literature be used?

A. Readers’ Guide to Periodical Literature should be used to search for periodicals containing 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 to Periodical Literature?

A. A complete coverage list for Readers’ Guide to Periodical Literature may be found here: http://ebscohost.com/academic/readers-guide-to-periodical-literature.

Q. What subjects are covered in Readers’ Guide to Periodical Literature?
A. Readers’ Guide to Periodical Literature subject coverage includes: antiques; arts; business; computers; education; entertainment; film & television; gardening; health & medicine; history; home improvement; literature; news & current events; photography; popular & classical music; politics; popular culture; religion; science; sports & fitness; transportation; travel.

Q. Which searching and browsing screens are available on Readers’ Guide to Periodical Literature?

A. You can conduct a Basic Search or Advanced Search of Readers’ Guide to Periodical Literature. 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:
- Linked Full Text (If applicable)
- Publication
- Publication Type
- Number of Pages
- Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals
- Publication Date Range
- Document Type
- ISSN

Q. What is the difference between Readers’ Guide to Periodical Literature and the other Readers’ Guide products?

A. | Readers’ Guide… | Full Text | Abstracts | Indexing | Coverage Dates | Notes |
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Abstracts |  | X | X | 1982-present | A&I – 450+ magazines |
To Periodical Literature |  |  | X | 1982-present | Indexing – 450+ magazines |
Full Text Select | X |  | X | 1982-present | FT – 250+ magazines (back to 1994); A&I – 250+ magazines |
Full Text Mega | X |  | X | 1982-present | FT – 250+ magazines (back to 1994); A&I only – 450+ magazines |
Retrospective |  |  | X | 1890-1982 | Indexing only – 550+ magazines |
Q. What changes occurred when *Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature* 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 to Periodical Literature*?

A. URL parameters can be used to enable direct links from an external web page to the *Readers’ Guide to Periodical Literature* 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 to Periodical Literature* Home Page, use this URL:  