

Core 125/175: The Earth and Our Place On It

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Sources

Title/Description	Call #
<i>Notable Natural Disasters</i>	Ref GB655.N48 2003
<i>Environmental Encyclopedia</i>	Ref GE10.E38 2003
<i>Environmental Issues: Essential Primary Sources</i>	Ref GE105.E5825
<i>Encyclopedia of Global Change</i>	Ref GE149.E47 2002
<i>Global Environmental Outlook</i>	Ref GE170.G5625 2007
<i>The Earth as Transformed by Human Action</i>	Ref HM856.E53 2007
<i>Encyclopedia of Environment and Society</i>	Ref HM856.E53 2007
<i>CRC Handbook of Nutrition and Food</i>	Ref QP141.H345 2002
<i>The Water Encyclopedia</i>	Ref TC403.W38 2007
<i>Pollution A to Z</i>	Ref TD173.P65
<i>Energy Use Worldwide</i>	Ref TJ163.2.M62 2007
<i>Food Additive Databook</i>	Ref TX553.A3.F573 2003

Books

Books are located on the 3rd (H-Z) and 4th (A-G) [floors](#) and are organized by the [Library of Congress Classification scheme](#). You can search for books using the [library catalog](#). The library does have an [e-book collection](#) that can be found in the catalog. You can learn more about finding books in the catalog by using this tutorial.

Books may contain a broad overview of a topic or an in-depth exploration of a topic, therefore you should use a variety of keywords to narrow and broaden your search as appropriate. Books range from popular to scholarly and as with all sources, you should [evaluate your books](#). Use the

index of a book to find the relevant pages to your topic and use the provided bibliographies to determine additional resources.

Browsing Books

Description	Browsing Call # Areas
<i>Environmental Sciences</i>	GE
<i>Human ecology. Anthropogeography</i>	GF
<i>Environment (Sociological aspects)</i>	HM856
<i>Social ecology</i>	HM861
<i>Personal health: Nutrition</i>	RA784
<i>Agriculture</i>	S
<i>Farm economics. Farm management</i>	S560-572
<i>Organic Farming</i>	S605.5
<i>Plant culture</i>	SB
<i>Animal culture</i>	SF
<i>Aquaculture, Fisheries and Fishing</i>	SH
<i>Hunting</i>	SK
<i>Environmental technology. Sanitary engineering</i>	TD
<i>Food processing & manufacture</i>	TP368-456
<i>Manufacture of animal products</i>	TS1950-1981
<i>Manufacture and milling of cereals and grains</i>	TS2120-2159
<i>Nutrition. Foods and food supply</i>	TX341-641
<i>Cooking</i>	TX643-840
<i>Food service</i>	TX943-946

Articles

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Articles are generally more specific, so when searching be sure to use more specific keywords to create a narrower search. Databases may contain magazine, journal and newspaper articles, therefore may contain both [popular and scholarly sources](#). Be sure to [evaluate your articles](#) to ensure that you have an appropriate source for your assignment.

Databases

- [Academic Search Premier](#) - A good general index to start your research. This multi-disciplinary database provides full text for more than 3,600 scholarly publications, including full text for more than 2,700 peer-reviewed journals. Coverage spans virtually every area of academic study. Updated daily. There is a [tutorial](#) for this database.
- [Agricola \(Ebsco\)](#) - Over 2.5 million citations to journal articles, monographs, theses, patents, software, audio-visual materials, and technical reports. Covers agriculture, plant and animal sciences, forestry, entomology, soil and water resources, and food and nutrition.
- [America: History and Life](#) - Citations to articles about the history of the United States and Canada from prehistory to the present. Covers over 1,700 journals published worldwide. The database also includes citations to abstracts of dissertations published in U.S. and Canadian history and related fields.
- [CQ Researcher](#) - The CQ Researcher explores a single "hot" issue in the news in depth each week. Topics range from social and teen issues to environment, health, education and science and technology. Every 12,000-word report is written by an experienced journalist and features comments from experts, lawmakers and citizens on all sides of every issue. Numerous charts, graphs and sidebar articles -- plus a pro-con feature, a chronology, lengthy bibliographies and a list of contacts -- round out each report.
- [Environmental Sciences and Pollution Management](#) - Abstracts and citations covering the environmental sciences are drawn from over 4000 scientific journals and thousands of other sources including conference proceedings, reports, monographs, books and government publications.
- [Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center](#) - A one-stop source for information on today's hottest social issues, OVRC features viewpoint articles, topic overviews, full-text magazine, academic journal, and newspaper articles, primary source documents, statistics, images and podcasts, and links to Websites. Users can search by keyword, subject, etc. or browse predetermined topics such as "Medical Ethics" or "Welfare Reform".
- [Science Direct \(Elsevier\)](#) - Website for Elsevier science journals. The UI has subscription access to articles for 1300 titles back to 1995. These titles are indicated by a green icon in the journal listing. Users may view tables of contents and abstracts from 'non-subscribed' journals.
- [Web of Science](#)- The UI Library subscription to *Web of Science* contains *Science Citation Index* and *Social Sciences Citation Index*. The Science Citation Index Expanded is a multidisciplinary index to the journal literature of the sciences. Many of the citations in both indexes contain abstracts and some will also contain a link to the full-text of the article.

Internet Resources

Information on the Internet ranges from the free web to electronic books, journals, etc. that the library pays for. The Internet is a wonderful source for many different types of information. It is important to remember that anyone can publish something on the web and it is critical to evaluate your source carefully. The library's [Website Evaluation Criteria](#) can help you choose reliable information.

Government Websites

- [U.S. Department of Energy](#)
- [Environmental Protection Agency](#)
- [Government Accounting Offices Urgent Issues for Presidential Transition: Revamping Oversight of Food Safety](#)
- [U.S. Department of Agriculture](#)
- [Nutrition.gov](#)

Other Instructional Guides

- [Primary vs. Secondary Sources](#) - Your instructor may require you to use certain types of sources. Learn the difference between primary and secondary sources.
- [Scholarly vs. Popular Sources](#) - Your instructor may require you to use certain types of sources. Learn the difference between popular magazines and scholarly articles.
- [Evaluating Websites](#) - You must evaluate all your sources to determine that the information is credible, authoritative and current.
- [Citing Sources](#) - Whatever your project, whether it is a paper, a powerpoint presentation, or a poster, attach a "Works Cited" or bibliography page at the end listing the outside sources that you consulted in constructing it. You will need to cite your sources properly in Turabian or Chicago style
- [Plagiarism](#) - The ease of cutting and pasting from electronic resources can lead to putting your name on a work that is not really yours. This is both illegal and unethical. The following websites will help you understand how to avoid plagiarism and how to properly cite the work of others.
- [Preparing an Annotated Bibliography](#) - An annotated bibliography gives more information than merely a list of the authors, titles, publishers and dates of the works.