You can run a Basic Search from the *Points of View Reference Center* Home Page.

**Creating a Basic Search from the Home Page**

**To conduct a Basic Search from the Home Page**

1. From the Home Page, enter your search terms in the **Find** field and click **Search**.
2. *Points of View* displays a Result List.

- If *Points of View* essays related to the terms you specified exist, *Points of View* displays the *Points of View* tab listing the *Points of View* content for the topic.
- If no essays exist, *Points of View* displays the All Results tab.

The search terms are retained in the **Find** field above the Result List. The Result List is sorted by "source type"--for example, *Periodicals*, *Newspapers*, etc. To view a different source type, click the appropriate tab.

**Notes:**
- If you perform a keyword search while viewing a Category or Topic, *Points of View* searches the entire database - your results are not limited to the Category or Topic selected.
- If you click the **Points of View logo**, you are returned to the Home Page with all your search terms cleared.
- If you click the **Advanced Search** link, you are taken to the Advanced Search Screen with your search terms remembered.
- If you click the **Refine Search** link, you are returned to the Advanced Search Screen with your search terms, document types, limiters, and expander settings carried forward.
Additional Features

How To…

The How To area provides information and guidance when conducting research for an essay. Clicking any of the links in the How To area displays articles covering the following topics:

- Choosing a topic
- Create an essay outline
- Writing a thesis statement
- Writing a persuasive essay
- Citing sources

Additionally, the See More Helpful Articles link includes tools for both students and teachers on how to write position papers. This includes worksheets and training activities covering the following topics:

- Judging fact vs. opinion
- Evaluating a website
- Writing a topic sentence
- Writing a conclusion
- Taking good notes
- Developing notes into an outline
- Organizing ideas visually

In the Spotlight

The In the Spotlight area (available on the Home Page) highlights key content in the Points of Reference Center. The Spotlight topic is rotated on a regular basis.

To learn more about the Spotlight topic, click the Read more link in the In the Spotlight area. A search is automatically conducted, and a Result List of relevant content is displayed.