

## Sources for a Persuasive Essay

You will want to review a variety of sources to write a good persuasive essay. A research paper focuses on academic sources, but with a persuasive essay, you can use a broader array of sources to help influence your readers. For example, to appeal to a logical audience, you will want to use academic sources. To appeal to people's emotions, you may want to find a story or personal experience that moves your audience to action. You could also look for an opinion piece in a newspaper or magazine that has the same opinion as you do.

Where do I find sources?

- **Academic search engines.** Many schools and libraries subscribe to academic search engines such as EBSCO or Academic Search Premiere or InfoTrac. These search engines filter results so you can be sure they qualify as academic sources.
- **Google Scholar .com.** This search engine, available to anyone, also filters results so you only get academic sources. Not every source listed is available online.
- **Library.** Print sources from your school or public library that you can't get online are available here. Asking a librarian for help is a great resource.
- **Internet search.** Using a regular search engine such as Google or Yahoo can turn up good sources for examples and stories to help make your point. You can also look at website for newspapers and magazines.