VISION
To create a world-class educational system that gives students the knowledge and skills to be successful in college and the workforce, and to flourish as parents and citizens

MISSION
To provide leadership through the development of policy and accountability systems so that all students are prepared to compete in the global community
State Board of Education Goals  FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN FOR 2016-2020

1. All Students Proficient and Showing Growth in All Assessed Areas

2. Every Student Graduates from High School and is Ready for College and Career

3. Every Child Has Access to a High-Quality Early Childhood Program

4. Every School Has Effective Teachers and Leaders

5. Every Community Effectively Uses a World-Class Data System to Improve Student Outcomes

6. Every School and District is Rated “C” or Higher
INTRODUCTION

STUDENT RESOURCES
MAGNOLIA (Mississippi Alliance for Gaining New Opportunities Through Library Information Access) is a statewide consortium funded by the Mississippi Legislature, the Mississippi Department of Education, and libraries across the state of Mississippi.

MAGNOLIA provides online databases for publicly funded K-12 schools, public libraries, community college libraries, and university libraries in Mississippi.

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Author: Tolkien, J. R. R.
Language: English | Copyright: 1937 | Age Range: 7 to 18+

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3. **Mississippian Burning.**
By: POWELL, ERIC A.; *Archaeology*, Jan/Feb 2014, Vol. 67 Issue 1, p. 14, 1/3p, 2 Color Photographs, Reading Level (Lexile): 1180

4. **Copper Working Technologies, Contexts of Use, and Social Complexity in the Eastern Woodlands of Native North America.**
By: Ehrhardt, Kathleen; *Journal of World Prehistory*, Sep 2009, Vol. 22 Issue 3, p. 213, 23p, 1 Black and White Photograph, 3 Maps

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“The practice of democracy is not taught; it is not learned. It must be taught and learned across every generation of citizens.”

Justice Sandra Day O’Connor

**Open Access**
Faulkner, William, 1897–1962, American novelist, b. New Albany, Miss., one of the great American writers of the 20th cent. Born into an old Southern family named Faulkner, he changed the spelling of his last name to Faulkner when he published his first book, a collection of poems entitled *The Marble Faun*. In 1924, Faulkner trained in Canada as a cadet pilot in the Royal Air Force in 1918, attended the Univ. of Mississippi in 1919–20, and lived in Paris briefly in 1925. In 1931 he bought a pre–Civil War mansion, "Rowan Oak," in Oxford, Miss., where he lived, a virtual recluse, for the rest of his life. As a writer Faulkner's primary concern was to probe his own region, the deep South. Most of his novels are set in Yoknapatawpha county, an imaginary area in Mississippi with a colorful history and a richly varied population. The county is a microcosm of the South as a whole, and Faulkner's novels examine the effects of the dissolution of traditional values and authority on all levels of Southern society. One of his primary themes is the abuse of blacks by the Southern whites. Because Faulkner's novels treat the decay and anguish of the South since the Civil War, they abound in violent and sordid events. But they are grounded in a profound and compassionate humanism that celebrates the tragedy, energy, and humor of ordinary human life. The master of a rhetorical, highly symbolic style, Faulkner was also a brilliant literary technician, making frequent use of convoluted time sequences and of the stream of consciousness technique. He was awarded the 1949 Nobel Prize in Literature. His best-known novels are *The Sound and the Fury* (1929), *As I Lay Dying* (1930), *Sanctuary* (1931), *Light in August* (1932), *Absalom, Absalom!* (1936), *The Unvanquished* (1938), *The Hamlet* (1940), *Intruder in the Dust* (1948), *Requiem for a Nun* (1951), *A Fable* (1954; Pulitzer Prize), *The Town* (1957), *The Mansion* (1959), and *The Reivers* (1962; Pulitzer Prize). In addition to novels Faulkner published several volumes of short stories including *These 13* (1931), *Go Down, Moses* (1942), *Knight's Gambit* (1949), and *Big Woods* (1955); and collections of essays and poems.

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2. THE BOSSES’ CONSTITUTION.


Subjects: UNITED States. Constitution. 1st Amendment -- Lawsuits & claims; CONSERVATIVES; ATTITUDES of U.S. Supreme Court -- Lawsuits & claims; CORPORATIONS -- Political activity -- United States; LABOR unions -- United States; U.S. states; ACTI


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Because of congestion on the courthouse square, First Monday moved to another part of Ripley's business district in the 1910s. In the early 1940s it moved again, this time because of sanitation and
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3. Should Schools Have Dress Codes?

*Junior Scholastic*, 1/30/2017, Vol. 119 Issue 8, p22, 2p, Reading Level (Lexile): 1090

**Subjects:** NATIONAL Center for Education Statistics; DRESS codes in schools

5. No More PROM-A!

By: VIGGIANI, HEATHER; *Seventeen*, Apr 2016, Vol. 75 Issue 4, p75, 3p, 4 Color Photographs, Reading Level (Lexile): 930

**Subjects:** PROMs; DATING (Social customs); PARENT attitudes; DRESSMAKING; DRESS codes; BULLYING

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4. Data Breaches Are Not Just Information Technology Worries!


**Subjects:** DATA security failures -- Law & legislation; INFORMATION technology; MEDICAL ethics; MANAGEMENT of medical records; NURSING laws; PEDIATRIC nursing; PRIVACY; HEALTH Insurance Portability & Accountability Act of 1996 (U.S.); DATA security; SOCIAL media; DATA security failures; ELECTRONIC health records

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STUDENT RESOURCES
Some EBSCO databases include Lexiles, or reading levels, in citation information.

The Lexile rankings assigned to a result provides educators with an estimate of the reading difficulty of the result, and the approximate grade level reading ability required for comprehension.
Lexile Levels: *EBSCO databases*

- Book Collection: Nonfiction
- Explora
- History Reference Center
- MAS Ultra-School Edition
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- Novelist
- TOPICSearch
- Vocational & Career Collection
Lexile Levels: Limiting Search

To limit searches by Lexile Reading Level:

1. Click the **ADVANCED SEARCH** link to access all available limiters
2. Select a reading level from the **LEXILE READING LEVEL** limiter
Additionally, you can search by Lexile using the LX search tag. For example, in a database such as *Explora*, you could enter **hurricanes AND LX 500 - 750** to find articles about hurricanes within that range.
SEARCHING TIPS

STUDENT RESOURCES
Searching Tips: Introduction

• With the exceptions of Explora, History Reference Center, Literary Reference Center, and NoveList, all of the EBSCO databases have the same search screen.

• Most of the EBSCO databases can be searched simultaneously. Students can choose different databases to search at one time by using Academic Search Premier.
Searching Tips: 2 Types of Searches

There are 2 available searches:

- **Basic Search** allows users to create a search with limiters, expanders, and Boolean operators.
- **Advanced Search** allows users to create a search with advanced settings like Lexile levels, publication type, and material type (e.g. periodicals, reference books).
Searching Tips: Additional Help

- Use quotation marks or Boolean operators to keep phrases or search strings together. If the search does not use quotation marks or Boolean operators, then those words will not be searched as a single phrase.
- “Find all my search terms” searches the databases by automatically adding AND in between each of the terms entered into the FIND field.
- “Find any of my search terms” searched by automatically adding OR in between each of the terms entered into the FIND field.
- Use “limiters” to narrow the focus of the search to retrieve with more relevance to search terms or keywords.
Boolean searching allows you to create very specific or very broad searches by using the Boolean operators (AND, OR, and NOT) to combine search terms. The diagrams below will explain how each operator works.
Searching Tips: *Boolean Search*

The circles below represent two sets of documents. Those in circle A contain the search term “A” and those in B contain the search term “B”.

**AND:** If you wanted to find documents containing both terms A and B you would use the term “AND”. Only those documents that have both terms will be retrieved. **AND decreases** the number of documents retrieved.
**Searching Tips: Boolean Search**

**OR:** If you wanted to find documents that contain either A or B you would use the term “OR”. Any document with one of the terms will be retrieved; in this case all documents would be retrieved. OR increases the number of documents retrieved.

**NOT:** If you want to find documents with one search term but not those containing another term you use the term “NOT.” Only those documents containing the desired term and not containing the undesired term will be retrieved. NOT decreases the number of documents to be retrieved.
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