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|                     | - Searches over 400 databases at once, so an article can be available in more than one database;  
- Can see immediately whether one article is available in full text, or if not, request via Interlibrary Loan directly;  
- For retrieval options anytime, anywhere, you need to sign in with your Odin account;  
- Peer-reviewed icon for easy identification;  
- Efficacy of Similar Articles for Peer Reviewed Articles. | - You need to know to lock the filters in order to change your keywords;  
- Not all PSU full text journals are indexed here;  
- May produce too many results;  
- Must sign in with your Odin account to see the full results and request options. | - If you already have a citation (or at least the title of the article);  
- if you are exploring a topic (especially an interdisciplinary one) and not sure where to start or what keyword(s) to use;  
- After locking filters, strategic exploration of a topic by changing keywords is possible. |
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|                                          | • Has a more focused scope like economics or history;  
• Better interface with more search options/limiters and discipline-specific subject keywords;  
• You just need to sign in with your Odin account to access anytime, anywhere. | • Missing journals in subject from other databases;  
• May need to use Find it @ PSU to check for full text status;  
• May have to order from Interlibrary Loan & Article Delivery (ILL) through the Library website;  
• Need to learn how to navigate a new interface that may not be intuitive at all. | • If you need to do subject-specific or advanced searches using various options/limiters;  
• If you are looking for a specific resource type like streaming videos. |
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