

How to Search Credo Reference

What and Where is Credo Reference?

Credo Reference provides online versions of 500 published reference works, including general and specialized dictionaries and encyclopedias. It links to other PCC Library databases with magazine and journal articles, such as EBSCOhost.

To find it, begin at the PCC Library home page: pcc.edu/library. In the “Students” box, find and click **Articles & Databases**, then scroll down to Credo Reference.

Searching Credo Reference

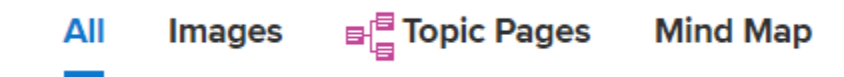
There are different ways to search in Credo Reference. In **Basic Search**, simply enter a keyword or two into the search box and click “search.”



For more search options, click on the drop menu to look for **images**, search by **topic**, find a **book**, or use a **mind map**.

Exploring Your Topic

At the top of your search results are options for exploring your topic through **Images**, **Topic Pages**, and **Mind Map**.

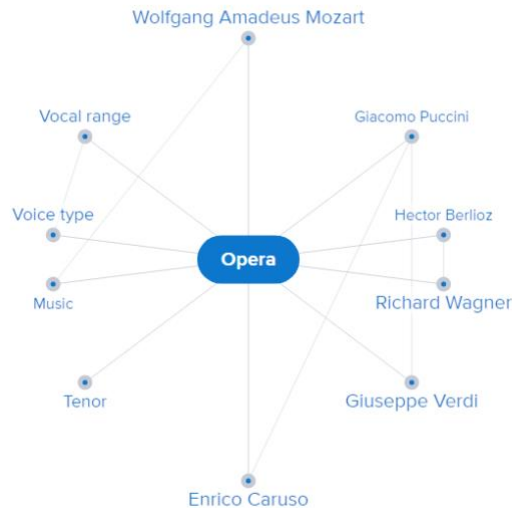


Topic Pages

Topic pages provide background information and links to articles in Credo relevant to your search. Up to three relevant Topic Pages will display at the top of your results. Note the purple icon which indicates "Topic Page."

Mind Map

The Mind Map is a visual search tool that displays the connections between search results in a visual, interactive, and easy-to-use format. It enables you to quickly find information when you don't know what to look for, when you need topic ideas for papers or research projects, or want to expand your knowledge of a given area. For example, see the mind map below for the topic “Opera”, with connections to performers, composers, and concepts related to Opera.



Citing and Saving Articles

To the right of the title of each article is a series of symbols representing options for citing and saving the article.



To cite an article, look for the **quotation mark symbol**. Credo provides citations for APA and MLA styles that you can cut and paste into your bibliography.

Next to the citation tool symbol is the symbol for **the print tool**. You can use this to print or to download the article as a PDF to your computer.

To email an article to yourself, click on **the envelope symbol**, and enter your email address in both “from” and “to” fields. Credo provides options for sending the article in full text along with a citation in APA, Chicago, Harvard, and MLA formats.

Finding Related Sources

Credo connects with the PCC Library catalog and other databases to help you find information about your topic. This makes it a great starting place for your research. At the left of your search results look for **Search other sites** to find links to these information sources.

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