

# COMPLICATING RESEARCH

The first research tool I tested was using the SAGE database to find important works in my topic. I had a small sense of confusion though because my webpages layout was nothing like the video tutorial, and I didn't have the advanced search feature that allowed me to filter by "Major Works". Although, I was able to find an article that I believe will be very helpful to my topic. I wanted to continue broadening my knowledge on the global impact of discrimination and privilege in the subject of childhood education. The article I found pertains to the privatization of early childhood education in Kenya and Nepal, where private for-profit schools are able to flourish with children of wealthy families while the lower class citizens are not met with any education for their children. This is related to the previous article I've found that is about segregation from privilege, and the effects of good intentions that create bad scenarios.

I tried using the Web of Science and Knowledge database because the idea of finding sources that have cited the articles in my canon sounded very helpful. It would not only expand my knowledge on the topic but it would expand my understanding of the original article. At first, I was unsure if I wanted to follow through with setting up an account for Publon, but it seemed like the only way to get access to the ISI Web of Knowledge. I was able to get another very helpful article quite quickly that pertains to preservice teachers and focuses on the attitude and beliefs that are crucial in the teacher's role when dealing with diversity. I expected a long list of articles, but was only met with five results, and the one I pulled for my canon seems to be the only one that truly stays on my topic of interest.

The preview feature that lists the subject terms also proved to be a helpful way of finding new articles that fit under my topic. I expected a wider variety of terms throughout the process, but the ones I collected will certainly help. I went through every article I have now and searched them under the SU database to preview all of their subject terms. I realized that many of the terms seem to be too precise to the subject, and while they would help me find new articles under the same focus as the article the terms are from, they won't necessarily pertain to my topic as well as they should.

Overall, these tools have definitely provided me with new perspectives to my overarching topic. The article involving the education system of Kenya and Nepal provide me with a new perspective on the education system at a global standpoint, and it helps me understand how privilege and discrimination is a worldwide issue and comes in varying forms other than the forms that I know of that are based solely on the United States. I found myself struggling this week to come up with more sources that aren't reiterating what I've already read or know. The subject terms have made it much easier to move around this barrier, I was searching the same terms I had before and scrolling deeper into the results, but now I've found multiple new articles that strongly relate to the articles I've previously read and give me new insights on the topic.