Using the Gale Opposing Viewpoints in Context Database

1. Identify your topic

2. Go to Pioneer Library (pioneer.uen.org) and log-in:
   - Username: pioneer
   - Password: explore

3. Go to the Gale Reference Collection and select Opposing Viewpoints in Context
   - Click on Advanced Search, limit your results to full text, publication dates wanted, and other options
   - Return to the home page and Browse Issues
   - Type the topic you choose in the search bar
   - Read parts of the Topic article

   - Do you want to broaden or narrow your research question based on what you read? Why or why not?

4. Look at the **Related Topics** on the right-hand side of the page. What other subjects might narrow or refine the focus of your search?

5. Click on some of the words in your article that have hot-links. Which words might help you narrow or refine the focus of your search?

6. Go back to the Topic page and open one "Featured Viewpoints" article.

   - Look through the article.
   - List one piece of evidence you could use for an argument on this topic, pro or con.

7. Open another "Featured Viewpoints" article showing a contrasting point of view

   - Look through the article.
   - List one piece of evidence you could use for an argument on this topic, pro or con.

8. Go back to the Topic page and look at the On This Page menu on the right-hand side of the page. Write down the name of an article you could use in each of the following formats:

   - News

- Statistics

- Videos

9. Explore other features of the database by doing the following:
   - **Email** an article to yourself:
     ***THIS WILL NOT WORK WITH YOUR CSDDOCS E-MAIL ACCOUNT.
     - Locate the Tools menu on the right-hand side of your screen.
     - Click on **Email**
     - Fill out the form that will come up using your current email address.
     - Click on Send.

   - **Share** an article with others in your group or class:
     - Locate the Tools menu on the right-hand side of our screen.
     - Click on the **Share** icon.
     - Click on the social media icon that you prefer and share with your group.

   - **Cite** an article you want to use:
     - Scroll to the bottom of your article.
     - Find the Source Citation.
     - Note: Gale citations at bottom of page are MLA only
     - Copy and paste the information onto your bibliography page.
     - Go to Citation Tools under Tools on the right-hand side of page for APA citations

10. After you have found some information, evaluate what you find for **usefulness** and **relevance**

11. **Evaluate** what you find for **credibility** and **reliability** by examining:
    - Publication date--try to find newest, most up-to-date articles
    - Author, authority--look at the author's biography and qualifications
    - Organization publishing the article—scholarly journal, newspaper, website, popular magazine, etc.

12. Determine if you will be able to cover all the important points of your topic with the research you have found. If you need more information, continue researching or try another database such as EBSCO's *Points of View* database.