6. By selecting **FULL TEXT** and limiting my search from 2000 to 2020, I have cut my search results in half – there are now only 394 results.
7. As you can see if you keep scrolling down the left side of the search page, there are a lot of limiters that you can use to refine your search even further. Feel free to explore and use whichever will help you find the best articles!

SAVING A HELPFUL ARTICLE FOR LATER USE

1. Once you find an article you want to read/keep for your research click on the article title.
2. You will now be on a page with the full text article and all the information on the article you will need – author, publication, publication date, page numbers, etc.
3. Don't have time to read the full article right now, but want to come back to it later without having to search all over again? On the right side of this page you will see numerous options for saving the article, emailing it to yourself, printing it, and much more.

FURTHER HELP

In the top right corner of the search page you will see the word **HELP**. Click on it and you will be taken to a page of helpful tips and tutorials. You can also click on **ASK-A-LIBRARIAN** to send one of the Sioux City Public Library's Reference Librarians an email requesting further assistance.

If you are still experiencing troubles you can:

- Email **questions@siouxcitylibrary.org** or call 712-255-2933 ext. 2221 for help from Sioux City Public Library staff.

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WHAT IS EBSCOHOST?

EBSCOhost is an online database available from the Sioux City Public Library that allows you to search for full-text magazine, newspaper, and journal articles covering current events, health, business, education, science, and more. To get started, all you need is your full-access Sioux City Public Library card. (If you are inside a library building and on a library computer, you do not need a card to access this database.)

GETTING STARTED

1. Access EBSCOhost from the Library's website: www.siouxcitylibrary.org under the header ERESOURCES near the top of the page.
2. You will be prompted to type in your library card number. Type in the entire number without any spaces. Then you will be asked for your PIN, which is the month and day of the card holder's birthday – MMDD.

RESEARCHING A TOPIC

1. After logging in with your library card, you will be on a page of available databases. You can read through and select the ones that sound helpful for your topic, but if you are just getting started on researching it can be best to simply choose the **SELECT ALL** box that is right beneath the yellow **CONTINUE** button. Once you have chosen the databases you want to search or checked the **SELECT ALL** box, then click the yellow **CONTINUE** button.
2. You will be taken to a page that has a search box in the middle of the screen. Type in your research topic, avoiding words like and/or/the. For example, let's say you are researching Japanese internment camps in the United States. You can just type in "Japanese Internment Camps United States." You do not need to make it into a complete sentence or phrase. Avoid using "and" or "the" when typing in your topic. After typing in your search topic, click the green **SEARCH** button.

3. On the next page you will be presented with a list of search results. There were 804 results returned for "Japanese Internment Camps United States." That's a lot to look through!
4. On the left side of this search results page, you will see a bunch of options called "limiters."
5. Two of the easiest limiters to use are both under the **LIMIT TO** header:
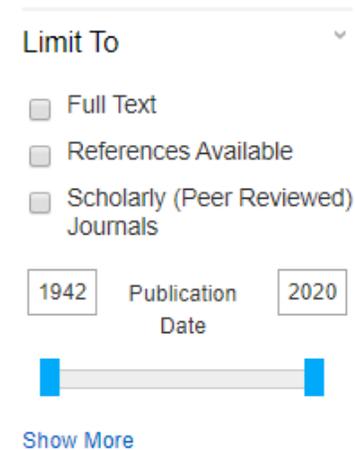
-**FULL TEXT**: By selecting the box next to the word **FULL TEXT**, you will ensure that only complete full-text articles will show up in your results.

-**PUBLICATION DATE BAR**: By sliding the blue bar forward you can shorten the time period that your search uses. You can also type in the years into the small box to the right and to the left of the words **PUBLICATION DATE**. For example, maybe your teacher/professor only wants you to use articles from the last twenty years. You can then move the blue bar forward on the line so that the years are 2000 to 2020.