

English 1B

Module 1: Getting Started

1. The King Library has a lot of great resources, but finding them and learning how to use them can be a little confusing.
2. The best place to start? The library's home page: library.sjsu.edu (<http://library.sjsu.edu/>).
3. From this page, you can access all of the library's research tools from your home computer. Let's begin by looking at [SJSU Subject Guides](http://libguides.sjsu.edu/browse.php?o=1) (<http://libguides.sjsu.edu/browse.php?o=1>), also known as LibGuides.
4. Librarians have created Subject Guides for every discipline taught at the university. No matter what class you're taking, there's a Subject Guide that can help you find the resources you need.
5. Let's take a look at the [English and Comparative Literature Subject Guide](http://libguides.sjsu.edu/english). Click on "E" than on the link (<http://libguides.sjsu.edu/english>).
6. Here you can see all the different research aids the English librarian has assembled: Books & Ebooks; Journal Articles; and information on citing your sources.
7. There's also a tab specifically for [English 1B](http://libguides.sjsu.edu/content.php?pid=59467&sid=498005) (<http://libguides.sjsu.edu/content.php?pid=59467&sid=498005>). On this page you'll find a handout on using the library's resources as well as guides to using some of the databases the library offers.
8. As you can see, the Subject Guides can save you *a lot* of time when you're researching. Now let's go back to the home page to look at some of the other services the library offers.
9. By clicking on [Tutorials and Tools](http://library.sjsu.edu/tutorials-tools) (<http://library.sjsu.edu/tutorials-tools>), you'll find a link to [RefWorks](http://tinyurl.com/2ar2vkt) (<http://tinyurl.com/2ar2vkt>).
10. RefWorks is an online bibliographic management program. In other words, RefWorks is a tool that helps you keep track of your references when you're researching.
11. But it does more than that! After you've finished your researching, RefWorks can automatically organize your references and create a bibliography in the correct APA style.
12. And let's look at one more link on the home page: [Ask a Librarian](http://library.sjsu.edu/ask-librarian-0) (<http://library.sjsu.edu/ask-librarian-0>).
13. There are a lot of ways you can reach us. By phone, online chat, email or even in-person at the 2nd Floor Reference Desk. You can also make an appointment for a one-on-one session with a librarian in your area of study.
14. Now that you've seen some of the tools and services the library offers, let's take a look at how to find the book you want in Module 2: Using the Library Catalog.