

## PRACTICE USING ATLA

Print this form and complete the answers by hand. If you are asked to “show a search,” indicate the exact terms and syntax, including field names or codes if you use any.

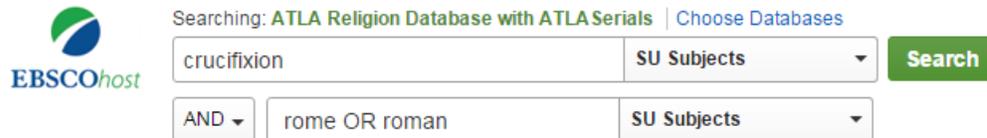
**Sample question:** Show a search for items about Roman crucifixion

**Sample answer:** SU crucifixion AND SU ( rome OR roman )

Don't include screen shots, but here is what it looks like:



It could also be done as follows.



Spend no more than 4 hours on this assignment. Pace yourself so that you have time to try every question. If you have trouble with a question, you can receive partial credit by explaining what you tried.

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| 1. | I have read the following   | yes                      | no                       |
|    | Basic Concepts for Database Searching ( <a href="https://library.dts.edu/basic-concepts">https://library.dts.edu/basic-concepts</a> )       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|    | How to Group and Combine Terms ( <a href="https://library.dts.edu/group-terms">https://library.dts.edu/group-terms</a> )                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|    | Introduction to Using EBSCO Databases ( <a href="https://library.dts.edu/ebSCO-intro">https://library.dts.edu/ebSCO-intro</a> )             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|    | Introduction to Using ATLA ( <a href="https://library.dts.edu/atla-intro">https://library.dts.edu/atla-intro</a> )                          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|    | Database Searching Tips: Part 1 ( <a href="https://library.dts.edu/search-tips-1">https://library.dts.edu/search-tips-1</a> )               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|    | Check the 'Choose Databases' Settings ( <a href="https://library.dts.edu/just-one-database">https://library.dts.edu/just-one-database</a> ) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

2. A. Show a search for reviews of Fanning's book, *Verbal Aspect in New Testament Greek*.

B. [Question B now omitted]

C. In which journal did Porter publish a review of this book?

3. Mary Seminarian wants material specifically on Acts 2:36. She picks More in the menu, then Indexes, Bible Citation to browse Bible Citation for Acts 2:36 and picks three verse ranges (2:36, 2:36-2:40, and 2:36-2:41) representing 12 articles. Mary needs more.

Browse an Index: Bible Citation

Browse for: Acts 2:36

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Select one or more terms and add to search using:

Term	Records Count
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> acts 2:36	10
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> acts 2:36 - 2:40	1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> acts 2:36 - 2:41	1
<input type="checkbox"/> acts 2:37	4
<input type="checkbox"/> acts 2:37 - 2:39	1

- A. **Using Bible Citation Browse**, find and list four more verse ranges that include v. 36.
- B. What is the key to finding these additional verse ranges?
4. In question 3 you browsed the Bible Citation field to find items about a particular bible passage. There are other ways to look for a bible passage in ATLA, and the different ways often yield different results. They are discussed in "Introduction to Using ATLA." Let's compare and contrast two ways: 1) Bible Subject and 2) Scripture Reference (= "Scriptures" menu button).
- A. What **bible subject heading** would you use to look for articles on Matt 7:1-5 in ATLA?
- B. List at least one advantage and one disadvantage of using the bible subject heading approach for this search.
- C. Show a **scripture reference (SR)** search for Matt 7:1.
- D. Show a **scripture reference (SR)** search for Matt 7:1-5 (not for the whole chapter).

- E. List at least one advantage and one disadvantage of using the SR approach for this search.
5. A student searched in the default category for << parachurch agencies >> but retrieved few citations.
- A. What is the main subject heading ATLA uses for this topic?
  
  - B. How did you discover/identify that terminology?
  
  - C. Show a search that retrieves 150+ citations on the topic of parachurch agencies.
6. Some new local churches in the US begin by transfer: people leave their old church to found a new church. A DTS grad wants to start a new church, but our grad wants to populate the church through evangelism, not transfer.
- A. What are three good terms our grad can use for information on this topic?
  
  - B. How did you discover/identify that terminology?
  
  - C. Show a search using this terminology.

7. Here is a search for material about women in the gospel of John: << women AND John >>.
- A. Revise the first part of the search so it more **completely** expresses the idea of “women.” Be more thorough than just “woman OR women.”

B. Revise the second part of the search so it more **precisely** expresses the idea of “gospel of John.”

8. You are looking for info on Paul’s use of the phrase “in Christ.” You notice something strange.
- A. To discover what is strange, execute these searches. Look carefully at the first title retrieved by each search.

Search	Number found	First title contain phrase ‘in christ’?
TI christ		
TI in christ		
TI "in Christ"		
TI "in" w0 Christ		

B. Explain what is happening here.

9. Joe, a new masters student at DTS, just got his New Testament Introduction syllabus today. He wants to get an early start on a paper due at the end of the semester. It requires him to critique the following claims. “Jn 5:2-9, 14b did not originally circulate as a self-contained miracle story. Rather, the redactor blended special J material with dominical miracle traditum and a pagan etiological tale. Literary seams enable us to discern the ur-sources. The redactor of the pericope was part of a syncretistic gnostic Christian sect which absorbed regional pagan legends.” Joe is stunned. He is looking for relevant literature. He asks you for advice. What say ye? (Hint: There is more than one problem here. Identify the main problem and let that guide the advice you give Joe.)