QUICK GUIDE
OPPOSING VIEWPOINTS IN CONTEXT/GLOBAL ISSUES

Follow this guide step-by-step and you'll have mastered the basics of these two databases.

Step 1—START. Go to www.bhhslibrary.com, then Research&Tools—databases.

Step 2—Click on the Opposing Viewpoints icon. You only need the username and password if you are NOT on the BHHS campus.
Step 3—**SIGN IN.** Sign in with your Google account to create a free online account. You’ll need this!

![Sign in with Google](image)

Step 4—You can tell you’re signed in when your first name appears at the top of the screen.

![Signed in: Daniel](image)

Step 5—2 ways to find issues: 1. Browse issues or 2. View All to see a complete list.

![Browse Issues](image)
Step 6—Look at all issues covered if you need ideas on what to research.

Step 7—You can also choose a category. DEBATERS: Note that National Debate Topics ARE listed on this database!
Step 8—you can search 2 databases at once (Global Issues and Opposing Viewpoints). For the rest of this worksheet, we’ll stick with Opposing Viewpoints.

Step 9—the database will suggest search terms when you start typing in the search bar.
Step 10—Select GLOBAL WARMING as your topic. Note that the page for this topic shows an OVERVIEW (summary) of the issue and has a menu on the right-hand side. Navigate the article by using the menu (or just scroll down the page).

Step 11—Chose the second FEATURED VIEWPOINT (in a box below)
Step 12—Read the two boxed sections. The 1st section tells you about the person who wrote the viewpoint. The second section gives you questions to guide your reading. Note: If you click on the LISTEN button the computer will read the article to you!

**Fracking Contributes to Global Warming**

*Natural Gas, 2015*  
*From Opposing Viewpoints in Context*

"We have wasted a lot of time that should have gone into seriously looking into and developing alternative energies."

Louis W. Allstadt is a retired executive vice president of Mobil oil corporation. Ellen Cantarow is a journalist whose work on Israel and Palestine has been widely published for thirty years. In the following viewpoint, Allstadt explains that fracking is far more dangerous than conventional drilling because of the increased possibility that methane gas will be released into the atmosphere. He explains this is because of two factors: Fracking requires fifty to one hundred times more fracking fluids, which produces more flowback than conventional wells, and the rock above the target zone tends to be less impervious, which can cause methane gas to creep up to the surface and into the atmosphere. He concludes that more attention should be paid to developing clean energy sources.

As you read, consider the following questions:

1. Why does Allstadt believe that plugging the well is not a viable solution for preventing leaks?
2. According to Allstadt, why did Mobil and Exxon abandon their efforts to harness solar power?
3. What is Allstadt's opinion of President Barack Obama's address on climate change?

Few people can explain gas and oil drilling with as much authority as Louis W. Allstadt. As an executive vice president of Mobil oil, he ran the company's exploration and production operations in the Western Hemisphere before he retired in 2000. In 31 years with the company, he also was in charge of its marketing and refining in Japan and managed its worldwide supply, trading and transportation operations. Just before retiring, he oversaw Mobil's side of its merger with Exxon, creating the world's largest corporation.
Step 13—The MOST IMPORTANT parts of the menu are outlined in BOXES below.

Click here to automatically cite your article!

Click here to download in PDF or to SAVE to GOOGLE DRIVE

Click here to add highlighting and/or notes

Click here to SAVE to your online account. The articles will save in your folder and will stay there until you remove them.

Use the Table of Contents to see an outline of the article and to navigate efficiently through the article.

Related Subjects give you more topics to research that are similar to “global warming”.

Don’t be afraid to explore these functions and the others that aren’t in boxes.
Step 14—CITATION TOOLS button. Choose your citation format and Save to Google Drive.

Step 15—There’s an EMAIL button in the menu. Click on it and fill in the blanks to send the article to yourself, a teacher, or your work partners. Send as an html link or as a PDF document.
Step 16—Click on the DOWNLOAD button to SAVE to Google Drive!

Step 17—When you click on the SAVE button in the menu, the article will show up as added in “My Folder”. Click on “My Folder” to see all the articles you saved. The articles stay in “My Folder” until YOU remove them and are stored “in the cloud”. You can also add highlighting and notes to the article. Review all of your searches by clicking on Search History.
Step 18—Highlighting and adding notes. Highlight by holding down your LEFT mouse key and dragging it across the text, then click HIGHLIGHT.

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But there are already cases where the methane gas has made it up into the aquifers and atmosphere. Sometimes through old well bores, sometimes through natural fissures in the rock. What we don't know is going to come up over time. It's a point most people haven't gotten. It's not just what goes up channels for the gas to creep up to the surface and into the atmosphere. And methane is a much more potent greenhouse gas in the short term—less than 100 years—than carbon dioxide.

Step 19—Now choose the color of your highlight. The highlight remains until you click DELETE.

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Step 20—Now click on NOTES for your highlighted text. Ask questions or comment on the material (can be shared with other people).

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Methane-Migration Evidence and the DEC

Use these five main topics that stayed in your thinking about methane migration.

This has been an overview of the BASIC functions of this database. The GALE databases are all very similar so if you've learned how to search Opposing Viewpoints, your skills should transfer over to those other databases.

Remember: Use databases BEFORE Google! Databases are written by experts and are VERY trustworthy. Websites found through a Google search actually take MORE time because you have to evaluate each website and you have to search through a lot more results to get the information you need. So: Save time! Be accurate! Use a database!