Credo Reference is a general reference database that aggregates encyclopedic entries that feature reusable images, audio, and video. This tutorial will give you a step by step guide to accessing and navigating the database.

1. Go to the CPCC website and click on the “Academics” tab. If you know how to gain access to the databases, skip to step 6:

2. Select the “Library and Research” tab:
3. The databases can be accessed by either:
   A. Clicking on the “Library’s Website” link. OR
   B. Clicking on the “Online Research Databases” link.

4. (A) If you decided to go to the library’s site, next click on the “Search Research Databases” link:

(B) If you selected “Online Research Databases”, proceed to step 5.
5. Credo Reference can be accessed by either:
   A. Looking up Credo Reference alphabetically in the A-Z list by selecting “C” and
      scrolling through the options. OR
   B. By selecting the “General” link and selecting it from the list of general databases.

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A - Z List of all Databases

For a full listing of ALL databases available, please click here.
6. The main page has a search feature. Type in a keyword or topic to get results. In the example “architecture” was used:

![Background Information to Start Your Research](image)

7. Featured on the results page are:
   A. Topic pages that feature articles related to searched keyword. Clicking on them will take you to thematic essays.
   B. The arrows will scroll through various other related topic essays.
   C. The listed results will be entries from various encyclopedic sources. The publications name will be located under the title.
   D. There are related keywords highlighted with each entry.
   E. There is a mind map portion that can be accessed by clicking in the center and it will open in a new window where related essays can be accessed. The mind map can be used to understand interrelated concepts and further develop your topic. Using the mind map is covered in step 9 of this tutorial.
   F. On the left hand side of the column are filters that will allow you to limit the results to certain items based on what you select.
8. If you select a topic page from the upper portion of the results page there are several options on the following page:
   A. The main entry will be featured prominently in the center of the page.
   B. If you want to see the rest of the topic article click on “Continue”.
   C. There are options at the top of the page that include a definition (that will have a drop down feature when selected), an audio narration of the topic article, a citation tool, an email option, an embedded code option for multimedia resources, etc.
   D. Related articles are listed below the main body.
   E. Topic pages related to the current article are to the right hand side.

9. If you select the mind map option from the upper left hand side of the topic results page:
   A. The main subject of the mind map will be in the center.
   B. Related subject will be around the center and topical essays can be selected.
   C. A list of topical essays can also be accessed through the window to the right of the page.
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