Welcome to EBSCO's Points of View Reference Center tutorial. Points of View is a full-text database that provides users with a series of essays presenting multiple sides of a current issue or event. Using Points of View, students can realize and develop persuasive arguments and essays, better understand controversial issues, and develop analytical thinking skills. This tutorial will introduce you to key interface features as well as the product's unique content.
The first step is choosing a topic that interests you. To begin, you can either enter a keyword in the Find field or use the Browse by Category menu to locate articles available in popular topics. Each category features a tree list of three or more topics. Let’s begin by clicking Arctic Drilling under the Energy & Conservation category.
When a topic is selected, you are immediately brought to the Overview essay for that topic. All Points of View essays are written by professionals and subject-matter experts. From here you can read the Overview article, listen to the article using the Text-to-Speech feature, or use the Tools Menu on the right to print, e-mail, save or export the article. The Related Items sidebar allows you to navigate to the Point and Counterpoint essays, as well as to the Guide to Critical Analysis, which can assist you with research for a position paper or debate.
This guide is intended to help you evaluate the controversial topics provided in EBSCO Publishing’s Points of View Reference Center™. Using this analysis will enhance your ability to read critically, develop your own perspective on the issue of Arctic drilling, and write or debate an effective argument on the topic.

**Before You Read**

- In a single sentence, state what you currently think is the controversy surrounding Arctic drilling.
- On the opening screen, Browse by Category, click on "Energy & Conservation," and then click on "Arctic Drilling."
- View the Result List of four records on the Points of View tab that includes this guide.

Each topic in Points of View Reference Center™ has three main Points of View essays. While there may be many opinions on the issue, these essays are designed to provide a base from which you may engage in further analysis:

The Overview provides general background information on the issue.

- The Point essay presents one opinion on the issue in a persuasive position essay.
- The Counterpoint essay offers an alternative or opposite view of the issue.

**As You Read**

Reading all three essays will enable you to better understand the controversy, providing a foundation from which you can broaden your knowledge of the topic.
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