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1. Choose EBSCO MasterFile Premier on the ALJ media center homepage
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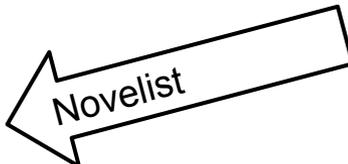3. Choose "Novelist"
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Writing paraphrases or summaries

- Use a statement that credits the source somewhere in the paraphrase or summary (e.g., According to Jonathan Kozol, ...).
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- Check your paraphrase or summary against the original text; correct any errors in content accuracy, and be sure to use quotation marks to set off any exact phrases from the original text.
- Check your paraphrase or summary against sentence and paragraph structure, as copying those is also considered plagiarism.
- Put quotation marks around any unique words or phrases that you cannot or do not want to change: e.g., "savage inequalities" exist throughout our educational system (Kozol).

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- Keep the source author's name in the same sentence as the quote.
- Mark the quote with quotation marks, or set it off from your text in its own block, per the style guide your paper follows.
- Quote no more material than is necessary; if a short phrase from a source will suffice, don't quote an entire paragraph.
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  - In longer quotes where you have omitted a sentence in between other complete sentences, maintain terminal punctuation in between the ellipses.
  - **Example:** "None of the national reports I saw made even passing references to inequality or segregation. . . Booker T. Washington was cited with increasing frequency, Du Bois never, and Martin Luther King only with cautious selectivity." (Kozol 3).
- To give context to a quote or otherwise add wording to it, place added words in brackets, ([]); be careful not to editorialize or make any additions that skew the original meaning of the quote—do that in your main text, e.g.,
  - **OK**: Kozol claims there are "savage inequalities" in our educational system, which is obvious.
  - **WRONG**: Kozol claims there are "[obvious] savage inequalities" in our educational system.
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