

Resources for reading complete articles in class

While our activities did not involve students viewing or reading entire journal articles, we understand some teachers may wish to have their students read full articles. The following resources assist in gaining immediate, free access to full journal articles.

- Pubmed's advanced search feature allows you to limit your article keyword searches only to journals with free online access (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sites/entrez>)
- Stanford University's library also hosts a website with search capabilities offering free access to journal articles (<http://highwire.stanford.edu/>)
- BioMed Central is yet another resource for open-access journals (<http://www.biomedcentral.com/>)

Often times a great starting point for reading a complete article in class involves the use of a pivotal article in the field of interest. Google searches reveal that many of these articles are available for free online from a variety of sources. One example for a biology class would be Watson and Crick's original article on the discovery of the structure of DNA, which is available from the original publisher, as well as other sources (<http://www.nature.com/nature/dna50/watsoncrick.pdf>).