Finding More Research - Use the “Cited by” in Google Scholar

We have looked at the benefits of locating additional older articles by reviewing the bibliographies and reference lists of useful research articles.*

You can also look for additional newer articles by using the Cited by option in Google Scholar.

Suppose you’ve found the following article to be very useful for your project:


You certainly would want to take a look at the citations in Erikson’s article to see if there are any other useful, but older (why older?) articles.

If you toss the part of Erikson’s title “On the nature of psycho-historical evidence” into Google Scholar you will see that Google claims the Erikson article has been cited by eighty-three other researchers since it was first published back in 1968.

If you click on the “Cited by 83” link you can review the citations and, with luck, the entire articles and books associated with these citations.

* Be sure to read the Week 6 “What You Must Know” – “Finding More Research – Use the Cited by in Google Scholar”.
After clicking on a **Cited by 83** it is also possible search the contents of many of these eighty-three newer articles and books that cite Erikson – by **putting a check in the box labeled “Search within citing articles”** – and then by using the [Google Scholar](https://scholar.google.com) search blank at the top of the page to search these specific articles for a particular keyword or phrase.

Here we search through the eighty-three articles (that cite Erikson) to see if they contain the phrase “Martin Luther King” …

![Google Scholar search for Martin Luther King](https://scholar.google.com)

... and we quickly find that three of them do.
If we forget to check the box labeled “Search within citing articles” ...

... we will be searching all of Google Scholar, not just the eighty-three articles that cite Erickson.