

## Basic Requirements

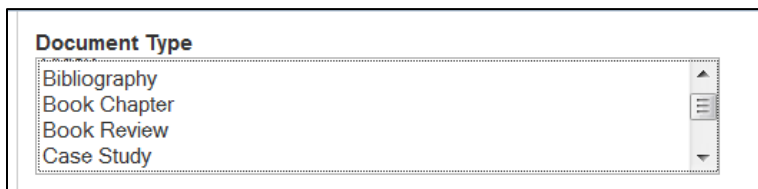
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## What type of review do you need? Short? Long?

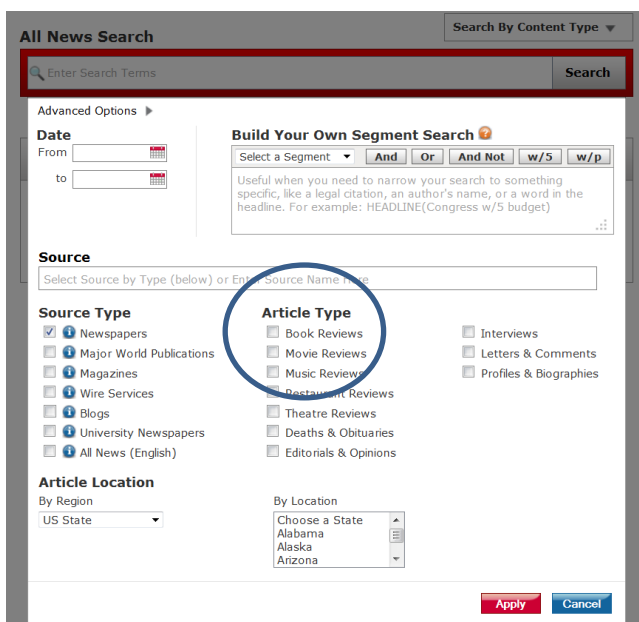
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