

Student directions for VitalSource ebook access.

(not all textbooks may be available)

Create an account or log into VitalSource. <https://www.vitalsource.com/login>

To create an account, click on the “Create an account” link below the Sign In option.



The image shows the VitalSource login page. On the left is a cartoon orange book character with a bookmark and a smile. To the right, the text reads "Welcome to VitalSource". Below this, it says "Sign in using your VitalSource Bookshelf email". There are input fields for "Email" and "Password". A large orange "Sign In" button is below the password field. Below the button, there is a link "Forgot your password?" and another link "New to VitalSource? Create an account". A red arrow points from the top right towards the "Create an account" link.

Enter the following information:

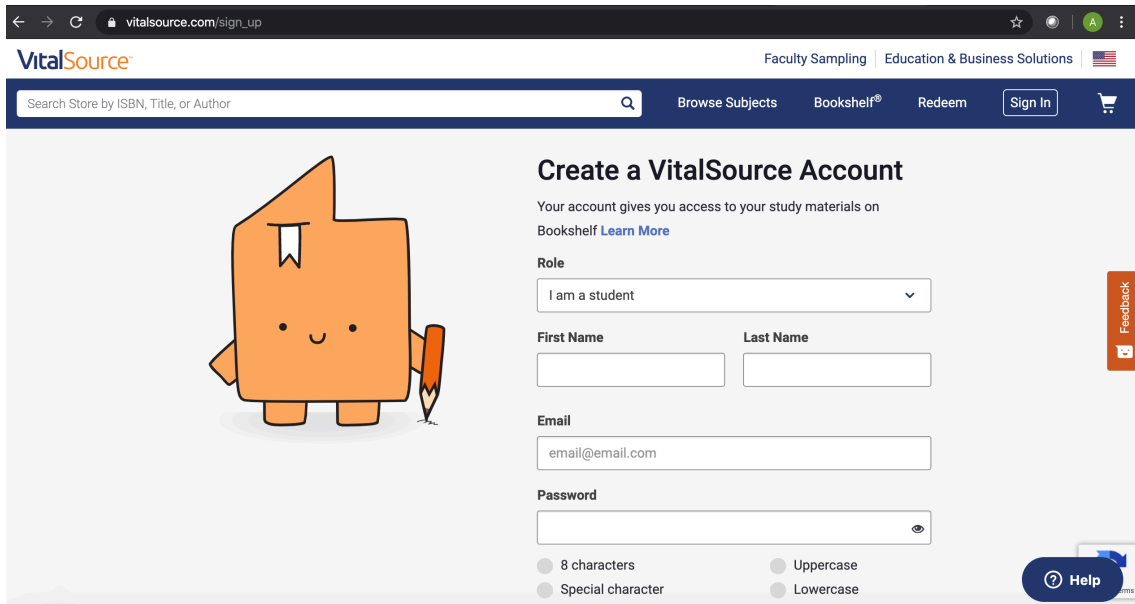
Role: I am a student

First Name: [Enter your first name]

Last Name: [Enter your last name]

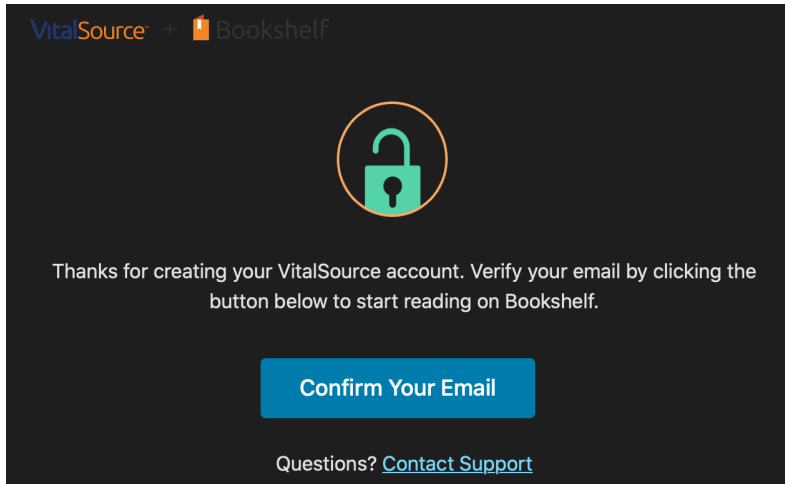
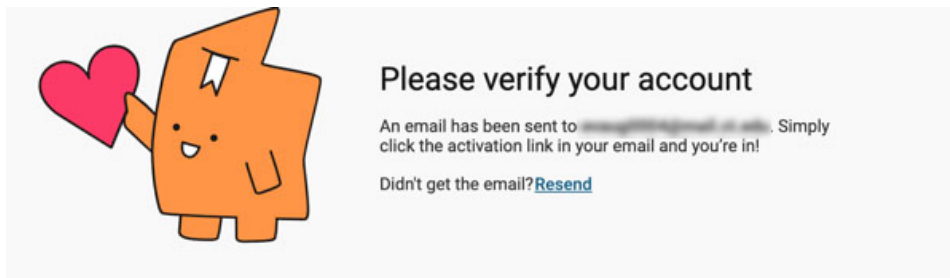
Email: You MUST use your college email address (i.e., mfarr0113@mail.ct.edu)

Password: create a password using the criteria specified (remember this password)

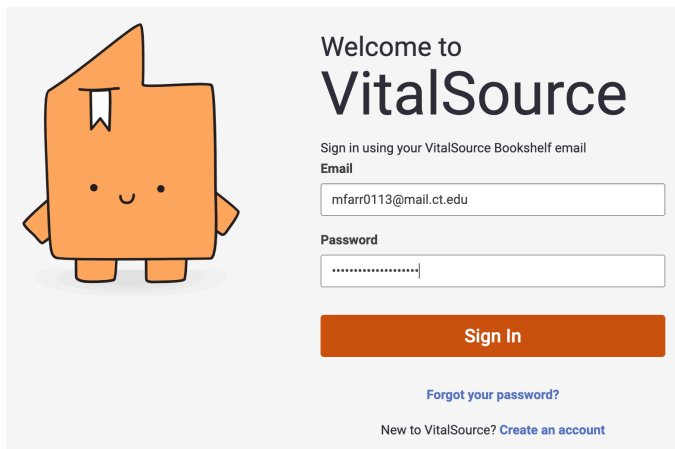


The image shows the VitalSource account creation page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the VitalSource logo, a search bar, and links for "Faculty Sampling", "Education & Business Solutions", "Browse Subjects", "Bookshelf", "Redeem", "Sign In", and a shopping cart icon. The main heading is "Create a VitalSource Account". Below this, it says "Your account gives you access to your study materials on Bookshelf [Learn More](#)". There is a "Role" dropdown menu with "I am a student" selected. Below this are input fields for "First Name" and "Last Name". Then there is an "Email" input field with "email@email.com" as a placeholder. Below that is a "Password" input field with a toggle for visibility. At the bottom, there are four radio buttons for password requirements: "8 characters", "Special character", "Uppercase", and "Lowercase". A "Feedback" button is on the right side, and a "Help" button is at the bottom right.

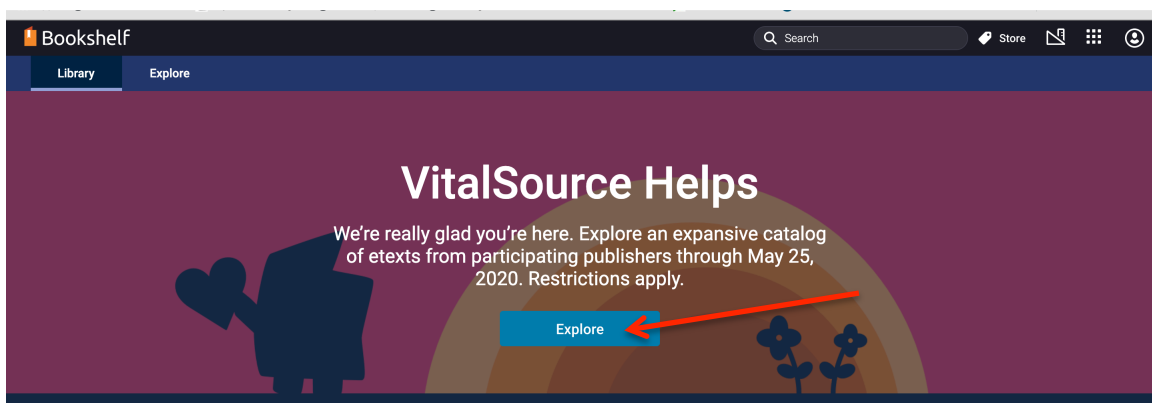
You may be prompted to verify your account. To do this, you will need to login to your college issued email and click on the verification link in the email that VitalSource sends.



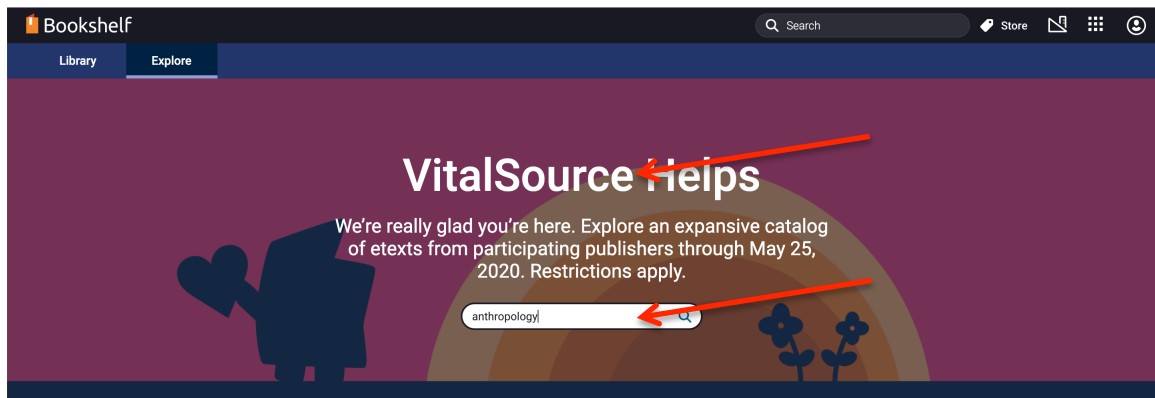
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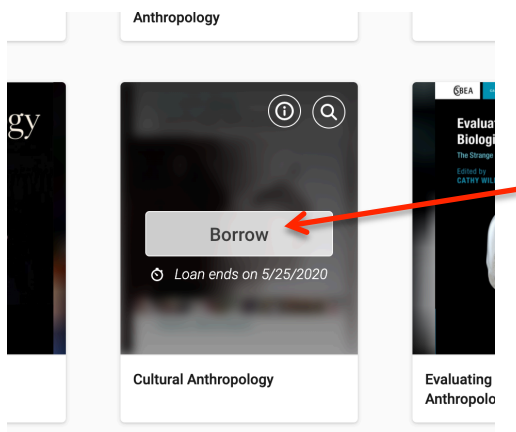
Click the explore button.



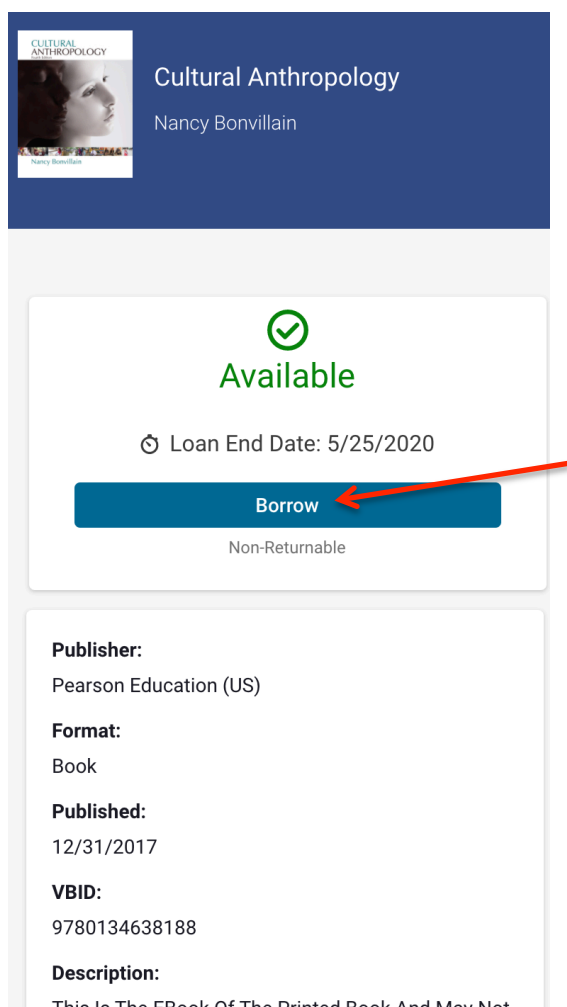
Enter your textbook information (usually found on your syllabus), click return or enter on your keyboard.



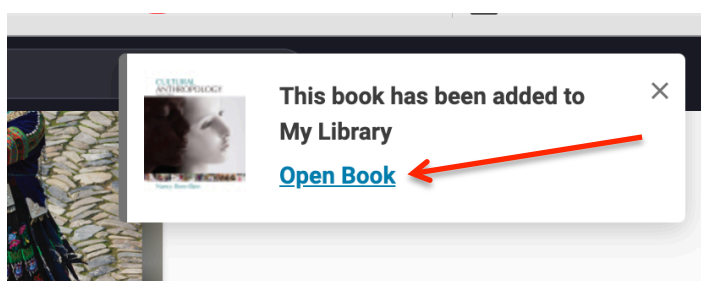
Locate the book you wish to borrow, mouse over the cover of the textbook, click on the borrow button that appears.



A virtual cart will appear to the right side of the screen, select borrow again.

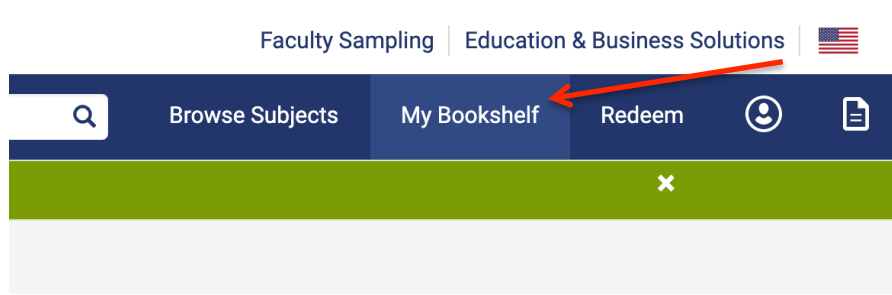


Now click on the open book link in the upper right corner.

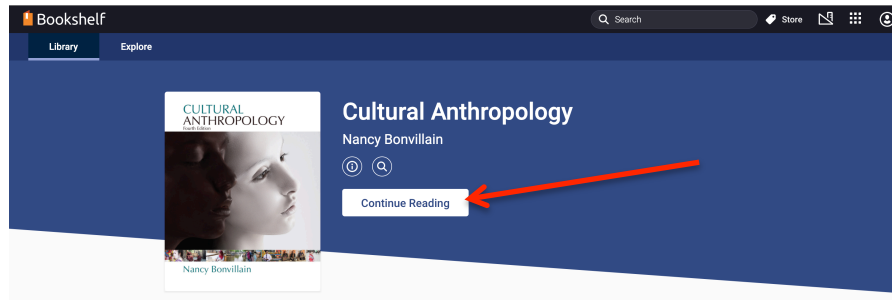


When you want to return to your textbook later.

Log into <https://www.vitalsource.com/login>, click on bookshelf in the upper right corner.



You will then see a list of your “borrowed” textbooks. Click continue reading next to the book you want to open.



VitalSource FAQs for students –

<https://support.vitalsource.com/hc/en-us/articles/205852378-How-can-you-access-your-textbook->