History 122: Canada since Confederation

History Research Skills & Library Resources

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Getting Started!

• Defining your topic, approach
• Identifying keywords

Example: Politics of Railway development up to 1920s
Railways, railroads
railway corporations/companies
CPR / CP Rail / Canadian Pacific Railway
Boom construction development
Policy, political influence, power
Rail transport policy
Rail transport history
Nationalisation, private enterprise

Canada- History [time period]
Canada- Politics & government [time period: 1867-1914]

…Next step! Library Website
www.okanagan.bc.ca/library
Searching Library Voyager Catalogue

OC Webpage

Library Catalogue

Library Webpage

Keyword Relevance Search
Searching Library Voyager Catalogue

Searching UBCO Library Catalogue

Choose Okanagan as location

OC Library page

Look for main Catalogue link
Find Articles

Why journal articles are preferred, rather than websites or webpages?

- Academic/scholarly journals contain articles written by scholars (professors, researchers, experts), and are usually of high quality. They are reviewed by other scholars before publication.
- Content may be fairly complex.
- Often contain a short abstract or summary at the beginning & a bibliography or list of works cited at the end.
- Usually no advertising & are generally available by subscription only.
- Example: Journal of Canadian Studies

- Magazines/popular journals are intended for the general public. They are available by subscription or on newsstands.
- Articles may be written by people with some in-depth knowledge of a topic, by professional writers who have done some background research, or by reporters with no previous knowledge of the subject.
- Examples: Maclean's and Time

OC Library subscribes to online journals & indexes of journal articles in the form of online databases. Library Web Page links to many online databases using the internet.

Find Articles

Back to Library Website!

www.okanagan.bc.ca/library

Click Find Articles link
Select Humanities Online Resources

Best databases are
- America: History and Life
- CPI.Q Canadian Periodical Index
- CBCA Full-Text Reference
- Canadian Reference Centre
- Okanagan History Index
- Academic Search Premier
- Humanities Index
- JSTOR
- Project Muse

I try out all those keywords, try different combinations! watch for full-text[PDF] and Where can I get this...?
Find Articles

Search in Article Databases for Humanities
Find Articles

Example 1:

Full text of article Available online
Find Articles

Example 2:

Find Articles

Article in Print
Periodical collection
Find Articles

Example 3:

Article to be obtained from Interlibrary loan

Another Humanities Database

JSTOR
Special Reference Resources …

Library Webpage - Research - Online Reference Sources

- Canadian Encyclopedia [online]
- Encyclopedia of British Columbia [online]

On Reference Shelves in Library:

- Encyclopedia of Canada’s Peoples
  Ref FC 104 .E56 1999
- Historical Atlas of Canada
  Ref G 1116 .S1 K4 1975
- A Pocket Guide to Writing in History
  (Rampolla)
  Ref D 13 . R295
  [also Circulating]

Acknowledge & Cite!

Keep Records of your Sources … References

- Books & chapters in books:
  Authors, book & chapter Titles, Publishers/Producers, Place & Date of Publication …

- Journal Articles:
  Article authors, titles; Journal/newspaper/magazine Titles
  Volume, Issue & Page numbers …

- When sourced in online journals or library databases or websites or webpages add:
  Library Database/Online Journal/Webpage names & urls
  Retrieval dates
Styles for History Writing

Style Guides

By Subject area - History

Sample Footnoting

- using University of Chicago Documentation Style

In Microsoft Word, look for:
- Quotations in text
  - Page Numbers: Position > Top of Page (Header) Right
- Block Quotation
  - Page Numbers: Position > Top of Page (Header) Right
- Footnotes
  - Page Numbers: Indents and Spacing > Indentation > Special > First Line

Footnotes

In Microsoft Word, look for:
- View > Header and Footer
### Sample Bibliography

**using University of Chicago Documentation Style**

#### Bibliography

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Librarians - Anne Cossentine, Michelle Ward

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