History 221: The United States since 1865

History Research Skills & Library Resources

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Getting Started!

- Defining your topic, approach
- Identifying keywords

**Example**: Vietnam War
Vietnam War, Vietnamese Conflict 1961-1975

United States - History 1961- [time period]
United States - Military Policy } Asia, SE Asia, IndoChina, Vietnam, Cambodia/Laos
United States - Military Relations }
United States - Politics and Government [time period]

military draft/conscription/national service, armed forces mobilization
draft resisters/resistance, draft evasion, draft dodgers, conscientious objectors, veterans
anti-war protest, protest movements, peace movements, political activists

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

Extra useful terms

Searching UBCO Library Catalogue

OC Library page
Choose Okanagan as location

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
  - content may be fairly complex
  - short abstract or summary at the beginning & a bibliography or list of works cited at the end.
  - usually no advertising & generally available by subscription only
  - Example - *Journal of Canadian Studies*

- **Magazines/popular journals** are intended for the general public
  - 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.

Back to Library Website!
www.okanagan.bc.ca/library

Click Find Articles link
Select Humanities Online Resources

Best databases are
- America: History and Life
- Historical Abstracts
- Humanities Index
- JSTOR
- Project Muse
- Academic Search Premier

! 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 3:

Article to be obtained from Interlibrary loan

Another Humanities Database
JSTOR
Special Reference Resources …

Library Webpage - Research - Online Reference Sources

Oxford Reference Online [online]

On Reference Shelves in Library:

Dictionary of World History Ref D 9 .D53
Dictionary of Historic Documents Ref D 9 : K63
Encyclopedia of American History Ref E 174 .E52
Atlas of American History Ref G 1201 .S1 F4
Dictionary of American History Ref E 174 .P87
Readers Companion to American History Ref E 174 .R43
A Pocket Guide to Writing in History Ref D 13 .R295
(Rampolla) [also circulating]

Acknowledge & Cite !

Keep Records of your Sources … References

Books & chapters in books: Authors, book & chapter Titles,
Publishers/Producers, Place & Date of Publication,
"page numbers for relevant ideas/quotes"

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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

University of Chicago Style

Quotations

• When to quote?
  1. To discuss actual wording of a passage eg Gettysburg Address
  2. When original writer’s statement of an idea is memorable

Tips! Do not quote if you can paraphrase into your own words, footnoting the source.
  Do not quote, if is widely known factual information

• How to quote?
  1. Put “statement” in quotation marks
  2. Format as block quotation
    (use only if very necessary - more than 60 words or 5 lines
     instead of quotation marks, use left&right indent and single space it
     words & phrases can be omitted use ... or at end of passage ...
     use [ ] for editorial comment)

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Sample Footnoting

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Use Microsoft Word, Ctrl-Alt-f for auto-footnoting - creates superscript for quote number in text & continuous numbered sequence for footnotes, single spaced
OR Insert >Footnote

Footnotes

University of Chicago Style

Footnoting  a few of the rules
• Number notes consecutively throughout your paper. Number in superscript
.asm Tip! Use Microsoft Word auto-footnoting feature Ctrl-Alt-f
. To: Author names appear as first name, initial, last name _ use as appear on title page of work
• Titles in italics
• First line of each note indented. Subsequent lines are not.
• Use Ibid if same source is cited on same page of your paper consecutively. Add page number if different to preceding entry
• If a source is cited more than once, but with an intervening citation, use a shortened reference - author’s last name, abbreviated title & page number
• Sources in footnotes must appear in Bibliography

Bibliography  some different rules:
• Begins on separate page at end of paper
• Entries alphabetical by author’s last name (otherwise title)
• First author listed last-name first
• Main work title in italics; “chapter title” or “article title” in quotation marks
• First line of each entry begins at left margin. Subsequent lines are indented
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Sample Bibliography

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- From Print Periodical

Newspaper Article

Book

Journal article
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Librarians - Anne Cossentine, Michelle Ward

Ask Us / AskAway (email/chat reference help) from library webpage