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DATABASES [<http://www.sunyit.edu/library>]

- Academic Search Premier – full-text articles from *American Historical Review*, 1975+; *Arab Studies Quarterly*, 1990+; *Canadian Journal of History*, 1975+; *Journal of Genocide Research*, 1999+; *Journal of Religious History*, 1998+; *Journal of Southern Europe & the Balkans*, 1999+; *Journal of Victorian Culture*, 1998+; *Latin American Research Review*, 1991+; and others
- America: History and Life – abstracts of scholarly articles on the history of Canada & the US
- Historical Abstracts – abstracts of scholarly history articles, excluding the US and Canada
- JSTOR – full-text archive of 40 core scholarly history journals, and other disciplines
- ProQuest – full-text articles from *Agricultural History*, 2002+; *Air Power History*, 1996+; *American History*, 1997+; *Environmental History*, 1998+; *German History*, 1998+; *History in Africa*, 2003+; *Journal of American History*, 1988+; *Journal of Military History*, 1994+; *Journal of Modern History*, 1989+; *Journal of World History*, 1998+; *Naval History*, 1987+; and others
- WorldCat – an international catalog of books; some are available via Interlibrary Loan, *q.v.*

HOW TO FIND EXAMPLES OF SCHOLARLY REVIEWS

1. Login to the library database ProQuest.
2. Click on the “Advanced Search” tab.
3. In the first empty box, type *history*.
4. Change the corresponding drop-down box to “Publication title.”
5. In the second empty box type either *Book review* or *Movie review*.
6. Change the corresponding drop-down box to “Document type.”
7. Click on the “Search” button.

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USE THE LIBRARY’S PRINT JOURNALS AND MAKE FREE ILL REQUESTS.**

SEARCHING FUNDAMENTALS

With Keyword Searching, you determine your search terms; you have greater flexibility but you get broader results. You must try multiple searches using different spellings and synonyms in order to match all the variations authors could use. Alternatively, Subject Searching is very organized and uses only librarian-determined terms; you find your Subject Heading and you search for it. You get fewer, better results, but you must use the term chosen by the person who cataloged the book or article. Keyword searching should lead to subject searching:

1. Perform a keyword search using important terms that define your topic.
2. Find a good result and look at its Subject Heading.
3. Perform a subject search using the Subject Heading you find.

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HISTORY WEB SITES

Google's Directory of History Sites by Time Period

http://directory.google.com/Top/Society/History/By_Time_Period/

Google's Directory of World History Sites

http://directory.google.com/Top/Society/History/By_Topic/World_History/

Internet Public Library: History *

<http://www.ipl.org/div/subject/browse/hum30.00.00/>

Librarians' Index to the Internet -- History Pages *

<http://lii.org/search/file/history>

The WWW Virtual Library -- History: United States *

<http://vlib.iue.it/history/index.html>

EVALUATING WEB SITES

Always evaluate your web results for their:

accuracy – does the site misstate or misrepresent facts?

authority – who created the site and what are their affiliations and credentials?

bias – does the site offer a point of view or opinion?

coverage – how much information is there?

currency – when was the site last updated?

ADDITIONAL EVALUATION INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ONLINE

Evaluating Web Pages: Techniques to Apply & Questions to Ask (UC Berkeley)

<http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/TeachingLib/Guides/Internet/Evaluate.html>

Evaluation of Information and Sources: Reliability and Credibility (Purdue)

<http://thorplus.lib.purdue.edu/~techman/eval.html>

Five criteria for evaluating Web pages (Cornell)

<http://www.library.cornell.edu/okuref/webcrit.html>

Google has a whole page on this topic: Web Site Evaluation

http://directory.google.com/Top/Reference/Education/Instructional_Technology/Evaluation/Web_Site_Evaluation/