MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY ART RESEARCH GUIDE
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CORE DATABASES

**Academic Search Complete**
Not specific to the arts, this database includes full text articles and indexed articles for over 10,000 periodicals in many disciplines; searches can be restricted to peer-reviewed journals

**Art Full Text (1984-present)**
Full text articles from 300 periodicals and indexed articles from 600 periodicals; searches can be restricted to peer-reviewed journals

**Art Index Retrospective (1929-1984)**
Abstracts and indexed articles from over 600 periodicals; searches can be restricted to peer-reviewed journals

**ARTbibliographies Modern (ABM) (1969-present)**
Abstracts of articles and reviews in art journals, popular periodicals, and exhibition catalogs (includes some peer-reviewed journals) about modern art (mid-19th c. to present); searches can be restricted to peer-reviewed journals

**Bibliography of the History of Art (BHA)**
Indexes over 1,200 journals published between 1975 to 2007 with a focus on North America and Europe (many are peer-reviewed)

**JSTOR**
Searches full-text articles in core scholarly journals across disciplines; limit search to Art and Art History (many are peer-reviewed); does not include recent articles

DICTIONARIES, TIMELINES, AND ENCYCLOPEDIAS

**Dictionary of Twentieth Century Art**

Encyclopedia of Nineteenth Century Photography

Encyclopedia of Twentieth Century Photography
Art Reference TR642 .E5 2006 vol. 1-3

**Heilbrunn Timeline of Art History**
**Oxford Art Online**
Includes four encyclopedias and dictionaries:
- Grove Art Online
- The Concise Oxford Dictionary of Art
- Encyclopedia of Aesthetics
- The Oxford Companion to Western Art

**Oxford Companion to the Photograph**

**ART CATALOGS**

**Catalogues Raisonnés:**
A catalogue raisonné is a published catalog of an artist’s complete works, or a selection of it organized by medium or chronology. Catalogue raisonnés include comprehensive information about the provenance, physical descriptions, and exhibition history of artworks; they also include bibliographies and basic biographical information.

To search for a catalogue raisonné in **OBIS**, do an advanced search:
- In keyword, type *catalogue raisonné*
- In keyword, type the artist’s first and last names

Or search the **International Foundation for Art Research database** for published catalogues raisonnés (which you can then order from **OhioLINK** or **ILL**).

**Exhibition Catalogs:**
These catalogs document temporary museum or gallery exhibitions and are useful for locating related bibliography, illustrations, provenance, descriptions of artworks, and basic information about particular artworks.

To search for an exhibition catalog in **OBIS**, do an advanced search:
- In keyword, type either the institution’s name or type *exhibit*#
- In keyword, type either the artist’s name or the exhibition title

**ADDITIONAL PRIMARY SOURCE RESOURCES**

In addition to searching the core databases, these selected anthologies may be useful for finding primary sources:

**A Century of Artists’ Letters**
Art N 6847 .S6 2004

**American Suburb X**
An edited site of interviews and artist’s writings pertaining to contemporary photography
Art in Theory: an Anthology of Changing Ideas  
Art N 6450 .A779 1998 (1815-1900)  

Classic Essays on Photography  
Art TR 185.C56

Conceptual Art: A Critical Anthology  
Art N 6494 .C63 C597 1999

Manifesto: A Century of Isms  
Main CB 427 .M287 2001

Modern Sculpture Reader  
Art NB 198 .M52 2007

Modernism: An Anthology of Sources and Documents  
Main PN 49 .M478 1998

Photographic Theory: An Historical Anthology  
Art TR 183 .P4822 2014

Photography in the Modern Era: European Documents and Critical Writings, 1913-1940  
Art TR 185.P5 1989

Primitivism and Modern Art  
Art N 72.P68 P75 2003

Recording Conceptual Art
Also available in print: Art N 6512.5.C64 R43 2001

Theories and Documents of Contemporary Art  
Art N 6490 .S765 1996

Theories of Modern Art  
Art 709.04 C444T

Twentieth-century artists on art: an index to writings, statements, and interviews by artists, architects, and designers (from 1900-1983)  
Art NX 456 .R59 1996

Voices of Women Artists  
Art NX 164 .W65S5 1993
MODERN ART IMAGE SOURCES

Link to Image Source Guide

SELECTED MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY ART JOURNALS

Link to Journals Guide

CITING SOURCES

Chicago Manual of Style
Quick reference guide. Also available in print: Art Reference “Writing Resources” LB2369 .T8 2013 c.3
How to cite wall labels in museums and other non-print sources in Chicago

MLA Style Manual
Quick reference guide. Also available in print: PN147 .G444 1998
How to cite wall labels in museums and other non-print sources in MLA

How to Write an Annotated Bibliography

How to Write a Footnote (Chicago Style)

How to Write a Footnote (MLA Style)

Writing Resources for Art History

NEED HELP?

Schedule a Research Appointment with the Art Librarian here. Select from available times using the calendar near the bottom of the form.