

Research Guide for FYSP 089: Heretics and Infidels

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Finding books and more

OBIS: Catalog of materials held by Oberlin College Libraries

OhioLINK: Statewide catalog of ~90 colleges and universities; self-service borrowing; items generally arrive in 3-5 days and circulate for 3 weeks with up to 6 renewals

Selected OBIS/OhioLINK Subject Headings:

Medievalism – History

Memory -- Social Aspects

Crusades -- First, 1096-1099

Background / context sources

The Greenwood encyclopedia of global medieval life and culture / Joyce E. Salisbury, ed. / Westport, Conn. : Greenwood Press, 2009

Main Reference CB351 .G743 2009 LIB USE ONLY

Medieval Jewish civilization : an encyclopedia / Norman Roth, editor / New York : Routledge, 2003

Main Reference DS124 .M386 2003 LIB USE ONLY

Medieval Islamic civilization : an encyclopedia / Josef W. Meri, editor / New York : Routledge, 2006

Main Reference DS36.85 .M434 2006 LIB USE ONLY

[The New Cambridge Medieval History](#) (8 vols)

ebook series, download chapters for overview for the non-specialist on medieval history topics

Research databases

(Use Databases tab on library homepage to find the links)

[International Medieval Bibliography](#)

Medieval world history journals, essays and books

[JSTOR](#)

Multi-disciplinary database; full-text journal articles

[Summon](#)

Combined search of most (but not all) of our vast library resources, in print and online

[Iter: Gateway to middle ages and renaissance](#)

Journals, essays and books on middle ages (European focus)

[Feminae: Medieval Women and Gender Index](#)

Index to books, essays and articles on women and gender in the middle ages

Ask questions or get research advice

Sign up for a Research Appointment in-depth individualized research assistance. Click on “Schedule an appointment” on the library home page.

Drop-in at Academic Commons Research Desk: Just stop by and tell us what you need.

Mon-Thurs: 10a-noon, 1-5p, 7p-midnight

Fri: 10a-noon, 1-5p

Sat: 1-5p

Sun: 1-5p, 7p-midnight

Phone (440) 775-5031 (hours are the same as Research Desk)

IM or Chat Chat box on library home page

Email reference@oberlin.edu

In -class searching exercise

First, we will brainstorm topic ideas and search terms as a group relevant for the Crusades paper, then each student will search OBIS and a database

OBIS Search

Write down book title and call number:

Database Search (choose one from: IMB, JSTOR, Summon)

What seem to be strengths of using this research database?

What seem to be limitations of this database ?

Any other searching tips or observations?

(i.e. -- special search features, how to refine the number of hits, how to get more relevant hits, how to get the full text?)