Context / Background Information

*Oxford Reference Online*
http://www.oxfordreference.com/
Entries in encyclopedias published by Oxford Univ. Press; authoritative alternative to Wikipedia

*The Cambridge History of Latin America*
Main Library  F1410.C1834 1984  11 vols
Direct Link to Cambridge History of Latin America online
http://histories.cambridge.org/

Library Catalogs

*OBIS*; Catalog of materials held by Oberlin College Libraries; books circulate for the whole semester
*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

Tips for finding primary sources in library catalogs:
→ limit searches by date in the advanced search to find older material
→ add keywords such as: source*, document*, history, memoir*, personal narrative*

Summon

*Summon* is the search box on the main page of the library web site. It’s a search engine covering almost everything the library has access to in print and in online collections. It searches records for all types of content, including books, journal articles, newspapers and magazines, including current and historical materials.

Tips for finding primary sources:
→ use the filters to limit by date and content type (i.e. books, newspapers, images)
→ add additional keywords to narrow down your search results

Databases

*Academic Search Complete*
A large database with a broad range of articles on all areas of study. Useful for getting perspectives from many disciplines, and popular media sources

*ArtStor*
Online collection of art images with global coverage from prehistory to the present
**Historical Abstracts**
The major index to articles in history journals in world history (not covering North America)

**JSTOR**
Full-text articles in all disciplines, generally excludes recent 3-5 years

**Project Muse**
Journals and books by university presses and scholarly societies; humanities and social sciences

**Worldwide Political Science Abstracts**
Articles in political science journals

**Sites with primary source material on the web:**

- Historical Latin American Newspapers Online
  Compiled by Bowling Green State University libraries

- Web sites with Primary Sources in Latin American History
  Compiled by Bowling Green State University libraries

**Research help and consultation**

Sign up for a Research Appointment if you would like to schedule in-depth individualized research assistance.

**Drop-in**
- at Academic Commons Research Desk
- Mon-Thurs: 10-noon, 1-5, 7-midnight
- Fri: 10-noon, 1-5
- Sat: noon-5
- Sun: noon-5, 7-midnight

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

**Email**
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**Questions for In-Class searching practice**

1) What types of sources are you finding in the resource you are searching?
2) Choose one source to look at in more depth (you might not have the actual source in hand, only a bibliographic record for the source, that’s ok too). Would it be more of a primary source or secondary source? Or perhaps both? Do you think this is a scholarly or non-scholarly source?
3) How might this source help a historian better understand the changing meanings of the figure Dona Marina?