



Resources for FYSP 049: Renaissance Outsiders
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ENCYCLOPEDIAS – FINDING OVERVIEW AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Encyclopedia of the Renaissance. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1999.

Main Reference CB361 .E52 1999 (6 vols.)

Europe 1450 to 1789: Encyclopedia of the Early Modern World. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 2004.

e-book, Main Reference D209 .E97 2004 (6 vols.)

Encyclopedia of European Social History from 1350 to 2000. New York: Scribner, 2001.

e-book, Main Reference HN373 .E63 2000 (6 vols.)

The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Reformation. New York: Oxford University Press, 1996.

e-book, Main Reference BR302.8 .O93 1996 (4 vols.)

Encyclopedia of Women in the Renaissance: Italy, France, and England. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2007. e-book (1 vol.)

Topic-focused sets, published by Berg/Bloomsbury: for each set, **vol. 3 = Renaissance/Early Modern:**

A Cultural History of Animals, Science Library QL85 .C85 2007

A Cultural History of Childhood and Family, Main Reference HQ503 .C85 2010

A Cultural History of Food, Main Reference GT2850 .C8528 2012

A Cultural History of Sexuality, Main Reference HQ21 C83 2011

A Cultural History of the Human Body, Main Reference HM636 .C853 2010

A Cultural History of the Senses, Main Reference BF233 .C85 2014

A Cultural History of Women, Main Reference HQ1121 .C83 2013

FINDING BOOKS AND OTHER LIBRARY MATERIALS

OBIS is the Oberlin College Library's online catalog; it lists most library materials. Online requesting/borrowing is available through the **OhioLINK Library Catalog**, which combines the holdings of 120 libraries at Ohio colleges and universities, and through **SearchOhio**, which does the same for 28 Ohio public library systems. All three catalogs are searchable by **Author** or **Title** for a specific author or work, or by **Subject Heading** or **Keyword** for works about a topic, person, place, etc.

There are many possible subject headings for researching topics related to the Renaissance:

Search for books about a particular era or time period in history:

Renaissance
Inquisition

Reformation
Sixteenth century

Search for names of specific people (authors, artists, philosophers, etc.) as subjects (as well as authors):

Bacon, Francis, 1561-1626
Leonardo, da Vinci, 1452-1519

Marlowe, Christopher, 1564-1593
More, Thomas, Saint, 1478-1535

Search for a country, region, or city as a subject, too:

England -- Economic conditions
England -- Social life and customs
Europe -- Civilization

Italy -- Politics and government
Florence (Italy) -- Social conditions
London (England) -- History

Look for country names, "History," or other appropriate historical time period sub-divisions under various topics:

Architecture	Humor in literature	Science	Women
Cities and towns	Painting, Renaissance	Social classes	Urbanization
Crime	Property	Wit and humor	Utopias

 **Exercise for searching OBIS for books relevant to your topic**

1. Start at library home page, <http://www.oberlin.edu/library>
2. Select the CATALOG tab, change the drop-down search option to Subject; search: **cities and towns**
3. Add **england** after cities and towns; re-do the search

Use **KEYWORD** and **ADVANCED** searches to find book chapters/articles, and works on multiple topics:

example: **renaissance and identity**

USING DATABASES TO FIND ARTICLES IN SCHOLARLY JOURNALS

Connect from Databases tab on the Library home page search box, or use the Quick Links drop-down menu

 To determine if the library has a particular journal, Use "360 Link to Full Text" or "Find It!" where available in research databases, or search **Journal Finder** from Library home page or the Quick Links pull-down menu

Multidisciplinary:	☆ <i>Academic Search Complete</i> <i>Humanities International Complete</i> <i>Web of Science</i> (especially good for science topics)
Art, Architecture:	<i>Art Full Text</i>
Gender, Sexuality:	<i>Gender Studies Database</i>
History:	☆ <i>Historical Abstracts</i> (world history and culture) <i>History of Science, Technology, and Medicine</i> <i>Iter: Gateway to the Middle Ages and Renaissance</i>
Literature:	☆ <i>MLA International Bibliography</i>
Medicine, health:	<i>MEDLINE (EBSCO version recommended)</i>
Philosophy:	<i>Philosopher's Index</i>
Religion:	<i>ATLA Religion Database</i>

 **Exercise for searching Academic Search Complete for scholarly journal articles relevant to your topic**

1. Start at library home page, <http://www.oberlin.edu/library>
2. Choose the Databases tab; under the "by subject" drop-down search option, choose Any Subject/Multidisciplinary; find and select **Academic Search Complete**
3. In box 1 enter search terms for the first concept, each connected by "or"
4. In box 2 enter search terms for the second concept, each connected by "or," and click Search
5. Refine results by choosing "Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals"

SUMMON – first (and default) tab on library home page search box

- searches across the spectrum of library content: books, scholarly articles, newspapers, audio, video, images, data, government documents, and more; searches most, *but not all*, library resources
- draws from OBIS, full text and article indexing databases, and digital repositories from colleges, universities, research centers, and other open-access archives
- comprehensive or complex searches should be done in subject-specific databases
- OBIS and OhioLINK are generally better for finding books
- if links don't lead to full text, be persistent or ask for help; we sometimes *do* have access

 **Exercise for searching Summon for additional articles relevant to your topic**

1. From the library home page, make sure the Summon tab is selected
2. In the Search box, type: **cross dressing early modern**
3. Under Refine Your Search, select **Scholarly and Peer-Review**

CITING YOUR SOURCES

Purdue Online Writing Lab (aka the OWL). Maintained by Perdue University.

<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/>

See the Research and Citation section for examples of how to cite resources using APA, MLA, and Chicago citation styles.

MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers. 7th ed. New York: Modern Language Association of America, 2009.

Main Reference LB2369 .G53 2009

The Chicago Manual of Style. 16th ed. Chicago : University of Chicago Press, 2010.

ebook, print copy Main Reference Z253 .U69 2010 (and other locations, ck. OBIS)

HOW TO GET MATERIALS NOT AVAILABLE AT OBERLIN

OhioLINK/SearchOhio

- how it works: over 300 Ohio libraries lend materials (primarily books) to each other
 -  *does not include delivery of journal articles – see section below on ILL*
- to request: do-it-yourself online searching and requesting
- Barcode is the number on the back of your OCID
- how long it takes: allow 3-4 business days
- loan period: 3 weeks + up to 6 three-week renewals if item has not been requested by someone else

Interlibrary Loan (ILL or ILLiad)

- use for: articles in journals not available at Oberlin, books not available from OhioLINK
- how it works: libraries lend materials to each other; for journal articles they may send scanned pdfs
- to request: select “ILLiad/Interlibrary Loan” from the Quick Links menu on the Library’s home page; set up an account; enter and track ILL requests online
- how long it takes: allow 1-2 weeks; many articles arrive much more quickly
- loan period: journal articles are yours to keep; loan period for books varies

HOW TO GET RESEARCH HELP AT THE LIBRARY

Librarians are available to assist with your research projects:

- Help focus and define research topics*
- Find information for papers and projects*
- Locate books, journal articles, and other library materials*
- Develop effective search strategies for online databases*
- Identify useful web sites and internet resources*
- Evaluate the quality of web sites and other information sources*
- Track down facts and statistical data*
- Learn how to use the library and its resources*

Drop-in help at the Research Desk. Just stop by and tell us what you need

Monday–Thursday: 10am–noon, 1–5pm, & 7pm–midnight

Friday: 10am–noon & 1–5pm

Weekend: Sat.: 2–4 pm, Sunday: 1–5pm & 7 pm–midnight

IM. Chat online with a member of Oberlin’s reference staff (ObieRef) – hours same as above

Phone. 440-775-5031 – hours same as above

Email. reference@oberlin.edu – any time

Research appointment. Sign up online from the library home page

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