**Research Guide for FYSP 173 / Fall 2016**

The French Revolution / Professor L. Smith
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**Finding books and more**

- **OBIS**: Catalog of materials held by Oberlin College Libraries
- **OhioLINK**: Statewide catalog of 89 colleges and universities; self-service borrowing; items generally arrive in 5-7 days and circulate for 3 weeks with up to 6 renewals

**Selected OBIS/OhioLINK Subject Headings:**
- France -- History -- Revolution, 1789-1799 – Causes
- France -- History -- Revolution, 1789-1799 – Historiography
- France -- History -- Revolution, 1789-1799 -- Social aspects
- France -- History -- Revolution, 1789-1799 -- Religious aspects
- Paris (France) -- History -- 1789-1799 – Women

**Background / context sources**

- **Oxford Reference Online** -- collection of full-text online reference works published by Oxford Univ. Press
  [http://www.oxfordreference.com](http://www.oxfordreference.com)

- **Encyclopedia of the French revolutionary and Napoleonic Wars : a political, social, and military history** / ABC-CLIO, c2006
  Main Reference DC220 .E53 2006 4 vols

  Main Reference DC147 .B35 2012

**Databases for finding journal articles**

- **Historical Abstracts**
  History journals, covering 15th century to present, covers world history but generally excludes scholarship on US and Canada

- **JSTOR**
  A selection of journals from all disciplines that searches the full text of articles; usually goes back to the first issue of a journal; does not generally contain most recent 3-5 years

- **Google Scholar**
  Scholarly books and articles on the web, some freely available, some link back to Oberlin’s access, and some are behind a paywall (never pay for articles -- check journal finder or use ILLiad to order for free)

**Other Research tools to know about**

- **Journal Finder**
  Use to find out if we have access to a journal online or in print. On library homepage, find the QuickLinks menu and select “Journal Finder” from the list
**ILLiad**
Interlibrary loan service. If we don’t have it, and if it’s an article, or a book that is not available through OhioLINK, we will try to get it for you.

**Summon**
A catch-all search of library resources; includes citations of books, journals and newspaper articles from a large number of our databases as well as books and vetted content from the web.

**Chicago Manual of Style**

Quick Guides:  
Footnote /Endnote citation form: a short guide by Steve Volk  
http://www.oberlin.edu/faculty/svolk/citation.htm

OWL – Online Writing Lab at Purdue  
http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/717/01/

In print:  
Main Ref Desk  Z253 .U69 2010  
(additional copies also available to check out)Available online on campus

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http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/

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