

# Guide to...

## History Resources

This guide is designed to introduce you to key history and general resources. It should be used in conjunction with other guides and **Pilot** (the University Library's online tutorial). They are all available from the University Library's web site: [www.libweb.anglia.ac.uk](http://www.libweb.anglia.ac.uk) and can be accessed off-campus. Don't forget you will need your **University Login** to access most online resources from the University Library website.

### 1. Books and E-Books

- Use textbooks (and monographs) for a good overview to a topic, or for useful background information. Books may also contain in-depth research and references to further reading.
- To find books on your reading list or on a subject use the University Library website **Quick Search for books, e-books and multimedia materials**: [www.libweb.anglia.ac.uk/](http://www.libweb.anglia.ac.uk/). **Quick Search...** will enable you to check if items are available to borrow (*on shelf*) and at which library, and the shelf number (location) and to reserve them if they are on loan or at another library. **You will need to log-in (using your University Login) to reserve (and renew items).**

#### Key location numbers:



























African history	960s	British history	941	Study skills	371.30281
American history	970s	English history	942	World history	909
Ancient history	930s	European history	940s	World War I	940.3-4s
Asian history	950s	History – theory	900s	World War II	940.5s

- A demonstration of searching for a specific book can be found in **Pilot**, the University Library's online tutorial: [www.libweb.anglia.ac.uk/pilot/module1/1\\_2/\\_1/index.html](http://www.libweb.anglia.ac.uk/pilot/module1/1_2/_1/index.html).
- **E-books** - some textbooks and dictionaries will be available online and therefore accessible off-campus. E-books are searchable and allow you to find the smallest bit of information. E-books can be accessed by searching or browsing **Quick Search for books, e-books and multimedia materials**. **You will need to log-in to access e-books**. In most cases you can print, download, and copy and paste text (within copyright limits) from e-books.
- To identify what other books have been published beyond those held by Anglia Ruskin, use other libraries' catalogues and websites such as the **Copac**<sup>®</sup> library catalogue ([www.copac.ac.uk](http://www.copac.ac.uk)) and **Google Books** (<http://books.google.co.uk/>). You can borrow books and request photocopies of journal articles which we do not stock via our Inter-library Loans Service: [www.libweb.anglia.ac.uk/services/ill.htm](http://www.libweb.anglia.ac.uk/services/ill.htm).

### 2. E-Journals, Journals and Journal Articles

- Academic journals, such as (the) **History: the Journal of the Historical Association** will provide you with good quality and up-to-date academic information such as articles, book reviews and the latest research, much of which may not be found elsewhere. A selection of print and online journals (e-journals) is listed overleaf.

## 2.1 Finding a specific journal or journal article

- ⇒ You can find specific journal articles from the University Library's website ([www.libweb.anglia.ac.uk/](http://www.libweb.anglia.ac.uk/)) by searching by *journal title* (NOT article title) in **Journal Finder** (on the left hand menu). **Journal Finder** includes both online and print journals to which Anglia Ruskin subscribes. **You will need to log-in (using your University Login) to access online journals from the University Library website.** Print journals are available in the Journals Collection and are arranged alphabetically by title.
  
- ⇒ Key journals currently available in print at the Cambridge site Library and/or available online:
  - American Historical Review** (subject coverage is world wide, not just American) 
  - Contemporary British History** (twentieth century British history) 
  - English Historical Review** (British, European and world history; includes international but not domestic history of USA) 
  - Economic History Review** (economic and social history, international coverage) 
  - Eighteenth-Century Studies** (literature and rhetoric and history of 18<sup>th</sup> century) 
  - Europe-Asia Studies** 
  - European History Quarterly** (European history since the later middle ages) 
  - Film and History** (Historians Film Committee)
  - Film and History: an interdisciplinary journal of film and television**  only
  - Gender and History**  only
  - Historian** (quarterly magazine of the Historical Association) 
  - Historical Journal** (all aspects of history since the fifteenth century) 
  - Historical Research** (Bulletin of the Institute of Historical Research) 
  - History** (journal of the Historical Association) 
  - History Review** (a British academic journal of history for first-year undergraduates)  only
  - History Today** (illustrated magazine, general history) 
  - History Workshop Journal** (a journal of socialist & feminist historians) 
  - Journal of American History** (history of the USA by American historians) 
  - Journal of British Studies**  only
  - Journal of Contemporary History** (twentieth century history, mainly European) 
  - Journal of Modern History** (coverage mainly of European history) 
  - Labour History Review** (history of work, workers and industrial relations) 
  - Past & Present** (broad range of subjects covered) 
  - Russian Review** (covers Russia past & present) 
  - Social History** (mainly British history but some wider coverage) 
  - Soviet Studies** 
  - Victorian Studies** (social, political and cultural studies of Victorian England; Victorian history and Victorian literature) 



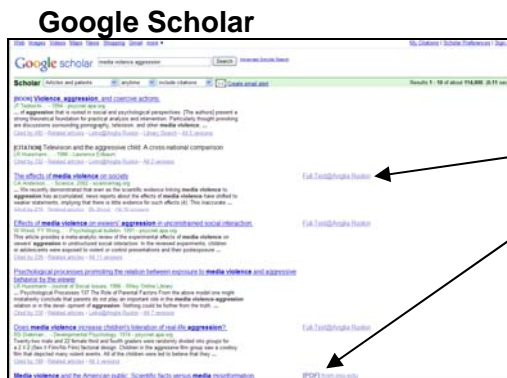
Available online via the University Library's website.

## 2.2 Finding journal articles on a subject or a person (using Databases)

- ⇒ Use databases to identify individual journal articles and other material on a subject or person. Databases will contain either the whole article (full text) and/or references to journal articles. Find out more about searching databases in **Pilot** module 2.4:

[www.libweb.anglia.ac.uk/pilot/module2/2\\_4/\\_2/index.html](http://www.libweb.anglia.ac.uk/pilot/module2/2_4/_2/index.html). For help with planning your search see also **Pilot** module 2.3: [www.libweb.anglia.ac.uk/pilot/module2/2\\_3/index.html](http://www.libweb.anglia.ac.uk/pilot/module2/2_3/index.html).

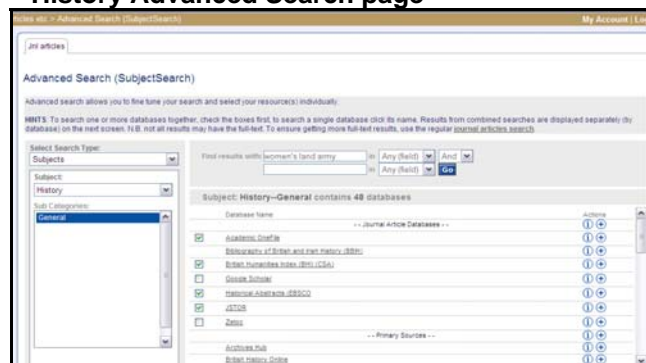
- If you need to find only a few articles on a topic, search **Google Scholar**. **Google Scholar** will give you a **quick overview of what journal articles, reports etc., have been published on a topic**. You must set-up **Google Scholar preferences** as indicated on the **Google Scholar** page: <http://libweb.anglia.ac.uk/ebooks/scholar.htm>, and log-in to the University Library website to access full-text journal articles to which Anglia Ruskin University Library subscribes.



**Google Scholar:**  
ARU subscribed resources will be shown by **Full-Text@Anglia Ruskin** links; free publications are often shown by **PDF** and **HTML** links.

- Alternatively, use the University Library website **Quick Search for Journal articles, research papers etc**: [www.libweb.anglia.ac.uk](http://www.libweb.anglia.ac.uk).
- If you need more specialist information or simply need to find more journal articles on your subject, use the University Library website **Advanced Search**. To do this, log-in to the University Library web site and select **Advanced Search** (top tab or from left hand menu), then select **History** from the subject drop-down menu next to **Journal articles, research papers etc.** and click **Go**.

### History Advanced Search page



- You can search individual databases by clicking on the title of the database. Alternatively, you can search a number of databases together by clicking on the boxes next to each title. You can also access individual databases using **Database Finder**.

- Key databases for history include:

#### **Academic OneFile** (Thomson Gale)

References, abstracts and full text articles from thousands of largely peer-reviewed (quality checked) journals, together with reference, newspapers, magazines and audio sources, covering most subject areas.

#### **Bibliography of British and Irish History** (formerly Royal Historical Society Bibliography) (Royal Historical Society/ Institute of Historical Research)

Provides bibliographic data on historical writing dealing with the British Isles, and with the British Empire and commonwealth, during all periods for which written documentation is available - from 55BC to the present.

### **Historical Abstracts (EBSCO)**

References, abstracts and some full-text of journal articles, books and dissertations published from 1970 onwards, covering all aspects of world history from 1450 to the present (excluding the United States and Canada).

### **JSTOR**

A searchable collection of full-text articles. It includes archives of over one thousand leading academic journals across the humanities, social sciences, and sciences, as well as select pamphlets and other materials valuable for academic work.

- If you find little or nothing, consider searching other databases listed on the **Advanced Search** page for **History**, and for other subjects.
- If you're unable to find a print copy or full text of an article you can request photocopies of journal articles which we do not stock via our **Inter-library Loans Service**: [www.libweb.anglia.ac.uk/services/ill.htm](http://www.libweb.anglia.ac.uk/services/ill.htm).
- In most cases references can be saved to USB/other storage devices and emailed. References can also be saved to **RefWorks**, a reference management service from which you can also compile bibliographies in variety of styles. More details are available at: <http://libweb.anglia.ac.uk/referencing/refworks.htm>.

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## **3. Internet (Web) Resources**

- Don't forget to make full use of the University Library's website **Advanced Search for History** for links to good quality, academic Internet resources.
- Use the **Virtual Training Suite** tutorials to help you identify and evaluate key information on the Web – visit [www.vtstutorials.co.uk/](http://www.vtstutorials.co.uk/). In addition **Internet Detective** (an online tutorial) will help you with all aspects of evaluating Internet/web resources: [www.vts.intute.ac.uk/detective/](http://www.vts.intute.ac.uk/detective/)
- There is also a wide range of search engines which allow you to search for information on the Internet, of which Google is probably the best known. Keep your search as precise as possible otherwise you will retrieve thousands of hits. There are also a number of academic search engines specialising in academic literature, of which **Google Scholar** is the best known. You can search and access full-text of journals articles via Google Scholar **if you log-in to the University Library website first**.
- Use mailing lists, e-forums, e-alerts, and blogs such as **H-Net Discussion Networks**, **The Institute of Historical Research's Reviews in History** e-mail alerts service, **New books in History: discussions with historians about their work** (blog), and **The National Archives podcasts**: <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/podcasts/default.htm>.

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## **4. Primary Sources**

- Primary sources are records of events as they were first recorded without analysis or commentary, e.g. original manuscripts, diaries, letters etc. You will also find primary sources such as diaries/memoirs and personal narratives (e.g. The Gladstone diaries) amongst our book stock as well as online.
- A good online source of primary material is **British History Online** ([www.british-history.ac.uk/](http://www.british-history.ac.uk/)) – a digital library containing some of the core printed primary and secondary sources covering 11/12<sup>th</sup> centuries to 19<sup>th</sup> century history of the British Isles.

- ⇒ Similarly consider using JSTOR's collection of **19<sup>th</sup> Century British Pamphlets** for primary sources on debates and issues of the day. To search this collection, select **Advanced Search** (within JSTOR) and limit to pamphlets.
- ⇒ Check the **Advanced Search** for History for details of other online primary sources/materials.

#### 4.1 Archives

- ⇒ Archives may include historical documents, papers, books, photographs, multimedia and artefacts. Some sources are available via the Internet and/or in digital form.
- ⇒ Key archives include **The National Archives** (Kew near Richmond in Surrey: [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/)) is the UK government's official archive, containing over 900 years of history with records ranging from parchment and paper scrolls through to digital files and archived websites.
- ⇒ Consider using **Janus**, a collection of more than 1800 catalogues of archives held throughout Cambridge: <http://janus.lib.cam.ac.uk/>.
- ⇒ Major libraries (e.g. The British Library) hold manuscripts and other archival items in addition to their collections, and often unique printed primary and secondary material. See also the **Using Other Libraries** page on the University Library web site: [www.libweb.anglia.ac.uk/helpdesk/others.htm](http://www.libweb.anglia.ac.uk/helpdesk/others.htm)

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## 5. Other Resources

### 5.1 Dictionaries and encyclopaedias

You may be able to find definitions and short overviews to subjects via Wikipedia. However, for reliable quality academic information, consider using some of our dictionaries and encyclopaedias in print and/or online: e.g. **A dictionary of historical terms** (903 COO), the **Encyclopedia of historians and historical writing** (907.202 ENC) and the **Oxford Dictionary of National Biography** (via **Database Finder**).

### 5.2 BoB and DVDs

**BoB** or **Box of Broadcasts**, allows you to record, watch, create clips and playlists from a vast TV and radio archive. **BoB** can be accessed via **Database Finder** and **Advanced Search**. Visit the **BoB** page for more information on using **BoB**: <http://libweb.anglia.ac.uk/academic/bob.htm>

The Cambridge site Library has a large collection of documentary and feature films and TV programmes on DVD, and equipment on which to view them. Use the Library website **Quick Search** to search for DVDs – you can search by title if you know it, or search by subject and limit your results to DVDs (or videotapes) using the Results list option **Limit to**:

### 5.3 Newspapers

- ⇒ Use newspapers for coverage of specific topics and current affairs. Online versions of The Times, The Guardian and The Independent etc can be accessed by searching the database **UK Newspapers Online** from the University Library website's **Newspapers** page, or via **Quick Search** for newspapers.
- ⇒ Consider using **British Newspapers 1600-1900**, **The Times Digital Archive** (1785-1985) and other newspapers (e.g. **The Illustrated London News** (1842-1878)) for day-to-day coverage of historical events. Members of **Cambridgeshire Libraries** can access **The Times Digital Archive** (1785-1985) and older issues of local and national newspapers

from the **Cambridgeshire Libraries and Information Services'** website:  
[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/leisure/libraries/online](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/leisure/libraries/online).

#### 5.4 Statistics (data sources)

An excellent way to back up your arguments, but open to misuse and misinterpretation!

- Consider using **A Vision of Britain** and **Great Britain Historical Database Online** for historical statistics: <http://www.visionofbritain.org.uk/gbhd/>
- **UK National Statistics Publications Hub**: [www.statistics.gov.uk/hub](http://www.statistics.gov.uk/hub) - the primary source of government/official statistics in the UK which can be browsed by theme or searched by keyword.

#### 5.5 Research sources

Use research guides to identify whether groups or individuals have already carried out research in your area. Useful online research guides available (via **Advanced Search** and **Database Finder**), include:

##### **Australian Digital Theses Program**

A database of digitised theses produced at Australian Universities.

##### **Index to Theses**

Bibliographical information and some links to full text on theses accepted for higher degrees by the universities of Great Britain and Ireland.

#### 5.6 Other libraries

Anglia Ruskin University students may use some other university and college libraries as we participate in a number of co-operative schemes. For further details, please refer to the **Using Other Libraries** page: [www.libweb.anglia.ac.uk/helpdesk/others.htm](http://www.libweb.anglia.ac.uk/helpdesk/others.htm).

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## 6. Help

You can access help in many ways:



**Appointments:** we operate an appointments system for one-to-one help with information searching. Make an appointment to see your librarian using the **Book A Librarian** page: [http://libweb.anglia.ac.uk/bookalibrarian/index\\_bal.html](http://libweb.anglia.ac.uk/bookalibrarian/index_bal.html).

Your librarians are:

**Thelma May** [thelma.may@anglia.ac.uk](mailto:thelma.may@anglia.ac.uk)

**Karen Ready** [karen.ready@anglia.ac.uk](mailto:karen.ready@anglia.ac.uk)



**Ask us** If you need help or advice about using any of our library services, click on the Library website **Ask us** box/link to chat or send a query. Alternatively, contact us via the University Library website: [www.libweb.anglia.ac.uk/askus/](http://www.libweb.anglia.ac.uk/askus/).



**Enquiries Desk:** if you need help with your research, please ask us in person at the Enquiries Desk.



**Online guides and online tutorials:** consult other library guides: [www.libweb.anglia.ac.uk/guides/guides.htm](http://www.libweb.anglia.ac.uk/guides/guides.htm). **Pilot** is our online tutorial covering all aspects of

information searching and referencing: [www.libweb.anglia.ac.uk/pilot/](http://www.libweb.anglia.ac.uk/pilot/). **Study Support Service online study skills guide** are also available: [http://web.anglia.ac.uk/anet/student\\_services/lsdrt/index.phtml](http://web.anglia.ac.uk/anet/student_services/lsdrt/index.phtml). NB you will need to have logged in to my.anglia to access study skills guides.



**Training:** Library training may also be arranged by your lecturers as part of your modules. **Skills@Uni** drop-in sessions are also available on most aspects of general information searching and study skills during teaching weeks. Find out more: [www.libweb.anglia.ac.uk/helpdesk/train.htm](http://www.libweb.anglia.ac.uk/helpdesk/train.htm).

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