

Research Instruction Session for  
English 303 American Studies Seminar, Spring 2004

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**Finding Material**

Consult the following types of finding aids and reference tools in your library research process:

- Library catalogs
- Indexes and abstracts
- Electronic journals and newspapers
- Encyclopedias and dictionaries
- Guides, bibliographies, and directories
- Style manuals

**Getting Hold of the Material**

- Reed College Library
- Orbis/Cascade libraries (Summit, formerly Orbis)

**Interlibrary loan** (allow a minimum of 2 weeks)

- Web form
- Paper request form
- FirstSearch order capability
- Electronic delivery of requested articles

**Databases for articles on literature**

- Literature Online: includes Annual Bibliography of English Language and Literature (ABELL) online (1920 - ) and print (Ref PE58 .M63; 1920 - 1997)
- MLA online (1963 -) and print (Ref PB1 .M522; 1921 - 1962)

**Electronic Interdisciplinary Sources for articles**

- Arts & Humanities Citation Index (A&HCI; 1975 - present)
- Essay and General Literature Index (Online 1985 -) and print (Ref A13 .E78; 1900 - 1998)
- Humanities Abstracts (1984 - present).
- Periodical Contents Index (late 18<sup>th</sup> century to 1995)

**Full-text Databases**

- Academic Search Premier (1975 - present)
- Encyclopaedia Judaica
- Evans Digital Edition (1639-1800)
- Expanded Academic ASAP (1980 - present)
- JSTOR
- New York Times Historical (1851-1950).
- Project Muse

**Related Topics - Electronic Sources for articles**

- America: History and Life (1964- -present)
- Art Index Retrospective (1929 - 1984)
- ArtAbstracts (September 1984 - present)
- ATLA Religion Index (1949 - present)
- Historical Abstracts (1955 - present)