

Ms. Polzin's Creative Writing Class Historical Fiction Project

Step #1: Review Annotated Bibliography

Annotated Bibliography

Citation

Summary (keep it brief-- it is not an abstract)

Evaluation/Critique (prove the relevance and accuracy of the sources cited)

Step #2: Books and Print Materials at LHS

Information can be found in different shelf locations based on the subject area. Below is just a small sampling of how books are arranged.

MLK – 323.4	WWII-- 940.53
Prohibition – 363-41	D-Day –940.542
Al Capone --364.1902	Hiroshima – 940.544
Columbine — 371.7 or 373.788	Pearl Harbor – 940.5426
New York Black Out 1965-621.32 2003—Google Books “Smart grid” by Stan Kaplan	Rape of Nanking-- 951.042 Google books by Iris Chang or James Yu
Woodstock 781.66	Trail of Tears – 970.0041 or 970.5
Globe Theater Fire -- 792	Mayflower –973.2 or 974.4
Black Sox Scandal—796.357 or 973.91	JFK –973.922
Titanic –910.452	Chicago Fire -- 977.31
King Tut -- 932	9-11 – 973.931

*Citation information can be found via the On-Line Catalog.

<http://lhswildcats.org/library>. Add the book title to “”add to this list”, then click “in this list” (right-hand side); finally, change the menu from Citation to Bibliography then click the “Go” tab.

Step #3: Gale Virtual Reference Library = e-books

Login ID: wildcats

Areas to Use: Located in the **Gale Resource Center**. Click

on the appropriate area for your search or simply conduct a “basic search”—be sure that tab is highlighted.

Citation: Information is at the end of the article.

Step #4: Databases

ABC-CLIO	
Username: libertyville	Password: wildcats
Areas to Use:	Click on the “All” button then do a general site search
Citation and Annotation:	Citation is at the end of the article.

Annals of America	
Username: libertyville	Password: wildcats
Areas to Use:	Search by topic not by author. This supplies primary sources only.
Citation and Annotation:	Citation is at the end of the article.

Facts on File	
Username: libertyville	Password: wildcats
Areas to Use:	Click on the relevant product either “American History Online” or “Ancient and Medieval History” option then generate a basic search.
Citation and Annotation:	Citation is at the end of the article.

Gale Resource Center	
Username:	

libertyville	
Areas to Use:	Select the “History Resource Center-US”. Click on the person/subject/advanced option or simply do a basic search.
Citation and Annotation	Information is at the end of the article.

*For all of the databases, be sure to check that the citation is in the proper MLA format. Click on the MLA citation help button on the library webpage for an example of how to place the information in correct form.

Step #5: Find information on the Internet.

Use the Internet wisely. Set up a good internet search when you use **Google**. Websites ending in .edu, .gov, .org or .net are usually trustworthy—Remember to use the “+” and “-“ symbols to narrow down the search.

For example: War of Jenkin’s Ear

“War of Jenkin’s Ear” +causes –com

Google Books

Find digitized books. Must click on the title to explore its possibilities (used to be able to read if it was full text, snippet view or just a review.)

<http://books.google.com/books>

For Example: The colonization of North America, 1492-1783
by Herbert Eugene Bolton

http://books.google.com/books?id=7a0MAAAAYAAJ&pg=PA361&dq=war+of+jenkin's+ear&hl=en&ei=q26ITqy0ApPjsQLj7ZSTBQ&sa=X&oi=book_result&ct=result&resnum=1&ved=0CC4Q6AEwAA#v=onepage&q&f=false

On-Line Journals Be sure to get your teacher’s approval before you use these .com sites.

American History Magazine: Expertly researched articles, galleries of period photos and full-color reproductions of paintings, posters, banners, flags, and artifacts can all be found in the pages of American History.

<http://www.historynet.com/american-history>

American Legacy Magazine: Celebrates African-American history and culture. There is no other magazine on the market of higher quality or editorial content regarding African-American history or culture.

<http://www.americanlegacymag.com/>

BBC History Magazine: UK best-selling history magazine covering all periods from pre-history to the present.

<http://info.bbchistorymagazine.com/>

Current History: Each issue is devoted to a single county or an important area of the world. Provides background material and an appraisal of current events. It is a tool for reference and research.

<http://www.currenthistory.com/>

Foreign Policy Magazine: Widely regarded as one of the most influential international affairs journals in the world, launched in 1970 to encourage fresh and more vigorous debate on the vital issues confronting U.S. foreign policy. The journal, which is published by the nonprofit Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, is a forum for discussion of issues and events and a source of new ideas and approaches.

<http://www.foreignpolicy.com/>

The Nation Magazine: Discusses political and social questions. Keep scrolling down to find the topics. Once you click on the topic, the article appears at the same spot—so you'll have to scroll back down again.

<http://www.thenation.com/>

Reason Magazine: Provides a provocative mix of news, analysis, commentary, and reviews. Will give more on the effects of an event than the actual history of the event.

<http://www.reason.com/>

The Wilson Quarterly: Explains and summarizes developments in serious research on politics, the environment, the social sciences, foreign affairs, history, the arts, TV and the press, economics, science and technology.

<http://www.wilsonquarterly.com/>

History and Social Sciences Sites:

America's War on Terrorism University of Michigan (government document links) http://www.lib.umich.edu/government-documents-center/explore/browse/documents-in-the-news+terrorism-and-september-11th-attack/1614/search/
Archives Library Information Center (searches the National Archives—great tool) http://www.archives.gov/research/alic/
Biography http://www.biography.com/
Civil Rights Court Cases Clearinghouse http://www.clearinghouse.net/
Government Printing Office http://www.gpoaccess.gov/index.html http://bensguide.gpo.gov/
Human Rights Mega Search Engine University of Minnesota http://www1.umn.edu/humanrts/lawform.html
Infomine's Government Information Search Database http://infomine.ucr.edu/cgi-bin/search?govpub
Making of America (primary sources of antebellum through construction) http://quod.lib.umich.edu/m/moagr/
National Archive Records and Records Administration (great for primary sources) http://www.archives.gov/index.html
Public Records http://publicrecords.searchsystems.net/

UncleSam--searches only .gov and .mil site

<http://www.google.com/unclesam>

U.S. Census Bureau

<http://www.census.gov/>

<http://www.census.gov/main/www/a2z> Subject Index

United States Historical Census Data Browser --browse statistics by decade <http://mapserver.lib.virginia.edu/>

World Economic Outlook Database --from the International Monetary Fund

<http://www.imf.org/external/pubs/ft/weo/2003/01/data/index.htm>

WWW Virtual Library

<http://vlib.org/>

<http://vlib.iue.it/history/index.html> (history)

Yale University Avalon Project (documents in law, history and diplomacy)

<http://avalon.law.yale.edu/>

<http://avalon.law.yale.edu/default.asp>