Finding Background Information - Wikipedia

- Wikipedia can be an excellent source of background information.
- Many of the articles contain extensive, “hot linked” bibliographies.

Finding Background Information - Reference Books

- Search Encore to find an encyclopedia specific to education
• Refine your results to books found in the ODY Reference Area

• Articles in this encyclopedia are signed by the author and have bibliographies at the end

Encore – search for books and videos

• Enter a keyword search in Encore to find books, videos and digital collections about Maria Montessori
You can refine your results by format, location, language, date...

To find primary documents, refine by AUTHOR.

And, you can use Tags to refine your results by subject – the bigger the tag font, the more results you’ll find.

ConnectNY is an excellent source of additional information.

Clicking on the tag educational change yields 1 book, a subset of the original 14.

Click on Export to RefWorks to save this citation in your RefWorks account.
Finding Journal Articles

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- All of the disciplines taught at St. Lawrence are displayed on the library homepage.
- Click on History to find recommended indexes.

### Major Indexes & Article Databases

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- There’s no one, single “right” index. Use a combination of indexes to do comprehensive research.
- Historical Abstracts covers your topic and supports “Federated Searching”.
• Before you enter search terms, click on **Choose Databases** to search multiple indexes at the same time.

• Check off all of the indexes that pertain to your research topic and search them simultaneously (this is called Federated Searching).
- Enter appropriate keywords.

- You can restrict your results to only **Scholarly (Peer Reviewed Journals)**

- Use the time line on the left to filter results by date of publication.

- Similar to Encore’s tags, you can use Subject Headings on the left to refine your topic.

- Images are often returned along with printed results.
• The FULL TEXT of many articles is available online.

• HTML Full Text – words only, prints quickly.

• PDF Full Text – words, graphics, and charts are included; might take awhile to download and print.

• Linked Full Text – takes you to a PDF in another database.

• Click on Find@SLU for articles that are not full text
Exporting to RefWorks

1. **Maria Montessori and the Secret of Tabula Rasa**
   - Subjects: Montessori Method; Educational History; Educational Philosophy; Educational Change; Early Childhood Education; Teacher Role; Educational Principles; Change Agents; Developmental Psychology; Developmental Stages; Developmental Tasks; Repetition; Discovery Learning
   - Database: ERIC
   - Add to folder
   - Find @SLU

- As you find useful citations, click on **Add to Folder** for eventual export to RefWorks.

- Click on **Folder View** on the right hand side of the results screen.

- Check off the citations you want to export to RefWorks, then click on **Export**.
Choose Direct Export to RefWorks and click on Save.

Use the Date Range in JSTOR to find older or primary documents.
Finding Primary Sources

Primary Source – a definition

- Was created during the time period being studied
- Creator has first hand knowledge of the events being described
- Can be a document, photograph, painting, picture, recording...

Secondary Source – a definition

- Comments on, builds upon or cites a primary sources
- Hindsight
Finding Primary Sources

To find primary documents, combine your topic with keywords such as:

- diaries
- personal narratives
- correspondence
- speeches
- treaties
- sermons
- songs
- cartoons
- papers
- photography
- letters

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"T E Lawrence" correspondence Search

Learn About Encore

Lawrence of Arabia, strange man of letters: the literary criticism of T. E. Lawrence / edited by Harold Orlins
Lawrence, T. E. (Thomas Edward), 1888-1935

Available - ODY Upper Level - PR99 .L333 1993 -

More Details
- Description: 334 p.; 24 cm
- Note: Includes bibliographical references (p. 288-323) and index
- Subject: English literature -- History and criticism
  Lawrence, T. E. (Thomas Edward), 1888-1935 -- Correspondence
• If your topic is a person, then do an AUTHOR search.

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