Suggestions for DHM 3033
Material Culture
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LibGuide:
https://okstate.libapps.com/libguides/admin_c.php?g=458675
Topics

• OSU Library *LibGuides*
• Some hints for focusing your topic
• **BOSS** as a tool for finding books and some articles
• Choices of Databases, including the Gale Virtual Reference Library.
• Suggested Journals (Use a database rather than Google). If you only know a journal name to start with, use the Full Text Journals List to see where it’s indexed.
• Other Sources: Museums, exhibit catalogs, early English & American books online, Links to Citation Manuals
“Locating” Your Topic

• **What** interests you about this topic, and **why** are you interested?

• **When**—What time period(s) are you looking for?

• **Where** in the world? (This has a lot to do with the kinds of sources you’ll find).

• **How much** do you know now, and **how much** do you need to find?

• **Who** are the persons or groups involved?
What do you already know?

• Do you know a little about the who, what, when, where, how and why of your topic?
• Many of your topics are very specific. To find information, think about the broader context.
• Information about a specific culture: Can you find its country on a map? (AFRICA is a bit broad—hundreds of cultures, hundreds of languages. Several significant regions!)
CIA World Factbook
(one starting place)

Source: [CIA World Factbook](https://www.cia.gov)
Information about Countries

• *Europa World Plus* database (detailed information about countries, emphasis on statistics and overviews)
  http://www.library.okstate.edu/databases/e/europa-world-plus

• *Countries and Their Cultures* encyclopedia, 4 volumes, third floor stacks 306.03 C855

• *Culture and Customs* series books (Greenwood Press) (Use these words in the Title and the name of the country.)
Homepage:
http://www.library.okstate.edu
Using BOSS

- BOSS is useful for searches when you’re not sure where you need to look.
- It does not always work for precision searches.
Some Things About BOSS

- We recently had to change providers for BOSS and our linking programs. We are still working out a large number of unexpected bugs. Suggestions for coping:
  - If you’re off campus, you will need to heed the “login” prompts, Especially for journal article access! You may even need to do this on campus, while we are working out the bugs in the system.
  - When using BOSS, do an Advanced Search. Specify the kind of material you’re looking for. (See the screenshots on following slides.)
  - Take advantage of the facets (the options on the left-hand side of the page)
  - Be observant—see what kind of book, article, (etc.) you are looking at. It will save you time!
Selected BOSS Searches

Anywhere Access to Library Databases

BOSS Search Box (set up for Advanced Search on a subject)
Selected BOSS Searches

Search for Books (Exhibit catalogs) on Art—China. Alternative term Art, Chinese.

See your LibGuide for some suggested subject headings. They are often broader (categories). Specific keywords for your topic may help (lingerie, tiny houses, tattoos, kites, etc.).
Selected BOSS Search Results

Results are Books. Note the Facets, or options to refine your search, on the left.
Where is Your Book?

Locations

• 700s are on the Main Library 4th floor
• 390s (customs) are on 4th floor
• 900s (histories) are on 4th floor
• 600s (640s, esp.) are in the Basement
• QUARTOS (oversize) in the Basement
• ARCHITECTURE Library
• DHM Resource Room (your own departmental collection)
Databases (Collections) Suggested by BOSS/Primo
Selected BOSS Searches

Results from a BOSS search for Journals
Why Use Databases to Find Articles?

• We subscribe to **thousands of journals**. Many of them are now online.
• BUT there is **no one source that includes everything**!
• Some journals are indexed in a database without full text, but we have the full text of the article in another database.
Use the Search Features

• **Choose** a database that targets the kinds of journals you need.
• **Customize** your search by adding keywords, limiting the dates.
• Choose **scholarly** and even peer reviewed journals.
• Save the **references** and send them to yourself.
• Create an **alert** when another article on your topic is added.
• Check the **citation** for accuracy! **DO NOT** just copy and paste it!
Some Other Suggested Databases

- Many individual journals are indexed in several database, and available in full text one or two databases.
- **JSTOR** (see other databases like Muse for later issues of the journals)
- **Project Muse** (major humanities & social sciences journals, including *Technology and Culture*).
- **Sage Journals** (social sciences, especially)
- **Oxford Journals** (including *Journal of Design History*)
- **Cambridge Journals** (including *Comparative Studies in Society and History*)
Suggestion for checking on an individual journal

• Use the Full Text Journals List on the library homepage.
• You can search by the title of the individual journal, by keyword in the title, OR
• Select a subject category (as in the example on this page)
Selecting Article Results

• Choose the type of article carefully.
  – Distinguish between peer reviewed and magazine/trade journal articles
  – Check to see if full text is available.

• Watch out for book reviews:
  – They are short, often 1-2 pages.
  – We may not have the book, but you can probably borrow it.

• Skim your results to select articles that look most useful.
  – Save them to a folder. (Selected Items or Folder, upper right)
  – Email the results to yourself. You can often get a .pdf of the full text.
  – Most databases will allow you to set up a user account and save items to a folder for later use.
Images

- **ArtStor** has some images for decorative arts, not fantastic for architecture.
- **Google Images** (Not all are copyright or royalty-free. If you’re going to publish, you must ask permission.)
- Be sure that you check how to attribute an image when you use it in a paper. Use the APA manual.
- Museum collections frequently have both good images AND detailed information about the object. See your course guide.
Museum Collections
(More listed on your LibGuide)

• Art Institute of Chicago (costume, Wright)
• Field Museum, Chicago (ethnographic costume)
• Minneapolis Institute of Arts (Frank Lloyd Wright)
• Victoria & Albert Museum (costume)
• Museum of International Folk Art, Santa Fe (costumes especially, utilitarian objects, toys)
More Museums

- Metropolitan Museum of Art (MoMA)—furniture, architecture, costume (modern artists)
- Gilcrease Museum, Tulsa (Native American clothing and other material culture items)
- Philbrook Museum, Tulsa
- Cowboy Museum, Oklahoma City
- Metropolitan Museum of Art (costume)
- Textile Museum, Washington, DC (textiles)
- Wheelwright Museum, Santa Fe (Navajo art)
Folklore/Customs

• Many of you are interested in dress or other customs related to the life cycle (weddings, especially). We will have quite a few books in this area, especially in the 390s Dewey classes.

• Other sources:
  Gale Virtual Reference Library (in the Databases list).
  Anthropology and Folklore journals—JSTOR for older issues, check individual journal titles for more recent coverage. (In some cases we have backfiles in more than one database.)
APA Citation Resources


American Psychological Association. (2010). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association*. (6th ed.). Washington, DC: American Psychological Association. One copy is available at the Information Desk, north side, first floor Call Number: 808.02 P976 2010. A few copies may be available for check-out; they will be shelved on the 4th floor. **The APA manual is the one officially adopted by the College of Human Sciences, for most purposes.**

*OSU Writing Center*. (2015). Homepage. Retrieved February 22, 2016 from www.osuwritingcenter.okstate.edu/ Drop-in Outpost at the Library Monday-Thursday, 7-10 pm. Appointments and all locations available on the website. There is also an outpost for graduate students in the Library on Monday and Tuesday evenings.

The Library is now offering RefMe, a free citation manager. Details are forthcoming. http://info.library.okstate.edu/c.php?g=426237&p=2911157
See also the YouTube videos: https://www.youtube.com/user/OWLPurdue/videos


I will work with Matt Upson, our undergraduate coordinator, to set up a workshop for learning RefMe.
Need More Help?

• LibGuide: https://okstate.libapps.com/libguides/admin_c.php?g=458675

• I will be glad to set up a time for a group “workshop” session. Please contact me in advance. I have some office hours set aside. If you need a different time, email me and request an appointment. http://okstate.libcal.com/appointments/

• Tell me which class and the topic you’re working on.

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