
Thomas J. Watson Library

Research Guide

Guide to Remote Research

Introductory resources on how and where to conduct academic and art history research for free online.

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How-to Guides for Online Research Process

[Academic Research Online](#), from Center for Online Education

[Database Search Tips](#), from MIT Libraries

[Research Process Guide: Preparing to Search](#), from Northcentral University. Contains online learning videos.

Researching with Wikipedia: [Guide 1](#), [Guide 2](#) These are guides on how to use Wikipedia articles to find reliable resources. Do NOT cite Wikipedia articles as a scholarly source.

[Citation Chart for MLA, APA, and CMOS](#), from Purdue Online Writing Lab. Guide to citing online sources begins on page 6.

Free Online Research Materials

(requires no account or a free account)

Resources from The Met

(For information on researching objects in The Met's permanent collection, please see [this guide](#).)

[Heilbrunn Timeline of Art History](#)

[Watson Library Digital Collections](#)

[MetPublications](#)

General External Resources

[HathiTrust Digital Library](#) Online catalog of digitized books and articles from academic and research libraries and institutions. Some full-text available.

[Internet Archive](#) Online repository of digitized books and articles. Full-text available, some materials may require free account.

[Google Scholar](#) Search engine for scholarly books and articles. Occasionally links to full-text; useful for citation.

[WorldCat.org](#) Searches catalogs of over 10,000 libraries worldwide. No full-text; for finding materials locally & citations.

[CORE](#) Open access research papers. Full-text available.

Art-Focused External Resources

[Directory of Open Access Journals](#) Full-text available. (to see art journals only, select “browse subjects,” select “fine arts” folder, and then “View Journals/Articles.” On the search page, under “Journals vs. Articles,” select “Journals.”)

[Google Arts and Culture](#) Non-scholarly; useful for exploring mediums or viewing objects in other collections.

[Art History Research net](#) Collection of four art history databases and list of free online resources on biographies, digitized print journals, and online journals, newsletters, and blogs.

For Further Assistance

Reference help is available online through Watson Library. Please visit [Watsonline](#) and select “Ask a Librarian” (red bar on the right of the screen) to consult with one of our librarians, Monday-Friday, 10am-5pm.

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