



Dr. Postol – US Hist. & Gov. H Research Paper – Spring 2018

Research Strategy & Pathfinder

Research is the careful, systematic, patient investigation to discover or establish facts or principles. Examine all sources that may fit your topic, time period, or theme, until you collect all of the information you need to write your paper.

1. BOOKS

Books are often the best resources for history research. Since you all will have different topics, we have not prepared reserved books for you. We would be happy to help you find books to use either in the library or to take home, from our Reference and circulating collections.

- Use the library catalog to locate materials, and browse the shelves for books. Call numbers for U.S. history are 973 to 973.999. Social, economic and political history can be found in the 300's. The HS Library catalog can be reached from the High School website home page. Select [H.S. Library Catalog – Destiny Discover](#).
- Use the public library catalog [ALISCAT](#) to identify materials in the Bryant Library or elsewhere in Nassau.

**For Authoritative Electronic Searching
BEGIN WITH YOUR HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY WEBSITE**

2. Roslyn High School - US History Subscription Databases

Log on is automatic from school – user name & password is provided for remote access.

- ▶ Begin at HS Library home page:
 - ▶ Select **Subscription Databases** (left menu)
 - ▶ Navigate to the lower part of the page to select RHS databases
- **ABC-CLIO Social Studies Databases** (User Name: rhslibrary Password: bulldogs)
- **Facts on File Issues in American History** (User Name: Roslyn Password: facts)
- **Opposing viewpoints in Context (Gale)** (mid page – no log in – geolocation in NYS)

Search for your subjects in the text box.

Databases provide citation for all articles which you can cut and paste into your bibliography.

3. Bryant Library - US History Subscription Databases (includes periodicals and eBooks)

*Bryant library card # required for log in. Use your bar code or guest number
21490000000008, 21490000000009*

- ▶ Begin at HS Library home page:
 - ▶ Select **Subscription Databases** (left menu)
 - ▶ Select Bryant Library # 1 Main Database Page
 - ▶ Select electronic resources by title from the alphabetical list of databases.
 - **Biography in Context (Gale)** for best information about a person
 - **U.S. History in Context** (searches Gale History ebooks & related references)
 - **Opposing viewpoints in Context (Gale)**

4. Internet Searching – Google

- ▶ **Be mindful of the source? What are you looking at?**
The more contemporary the subject, the more you will find online and less in books.
 - ▶ **Best sources for information are government sites, museums, university history projects (.gov, .org, .edu) Avoid .com history sites as information tends to be too shallow for academic research.**
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5. CITATION ASSISTANCE

You can create a perfectly formatted Works Cited page using the powerful tools now available to you. Use NoodleTools or EasyBib to add citations to your project page and print.

- ▶ **Begin at HS Library home page:**
 - ▶ **Select *How Do I Cite Sources* (left menu)**
 - ▶ **Select NoodleTools (see information sheet to create account and use the program)**
 - ✚ **Databases provide accurate citations for articles viewed – they can be copied and pasted into NoodleTools or EasyBib.**
 - ✚ **Select MLA 8th ed. when you have choice. Where no choice is offered – assume MLA is used.**
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