

Finding Evidence Like a Historian: Using the Library to Explore the Past

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Land Acknowledgement

We recognize that the place we call home is on the unceded, un-surrendered ancestral and present-day lands of the Mi'kmaw nation called Mi'kma'ki. This land is governed by the treaties of Peace and Friendship, first signed by the Mi'kmaq, the Wolastoqey, and the British Crown in 1726. These treaties did not implicate or affirm the surrender or transfer of land to the British, but recognized Mi'kmaq and Wolastoqey title and set the rules for what was to be a long-standing relationship between nations.

We recognize that we are all treaty people and have responsibilities to each other and this land and we recognize that without action, an acknowledgment is empty. It marks the beginning of the work ahead of us, not the end.

We also acknowledge that people of African descent have been in Nova Scotia for over 400 years, and we honour and offer gratitude to those ancestors of African descent who came before us to this land.

Learning outcomes

1. Identify different types of historical sources
2. Develop effective search keywords
3. Use the Library's History Research Guide
4. Find books and scholarly articles through the library

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When you hear the word "history," what **kinds of sources** come



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Historical Research Begins With Questions

Example Research Question

- Why did ordinary people support the Russian Revolution of 1917?

Let's Think

- What evidence might help answer this question?



Primary vs Secondary Sources

Primary Sources

- Created during the historical period

Examples:

- Diary
- Letter
- Newspapers



Secondary Sources

- Created later by scholars

Examples:

- History books
- Journal articles
- Peer-reviewed?

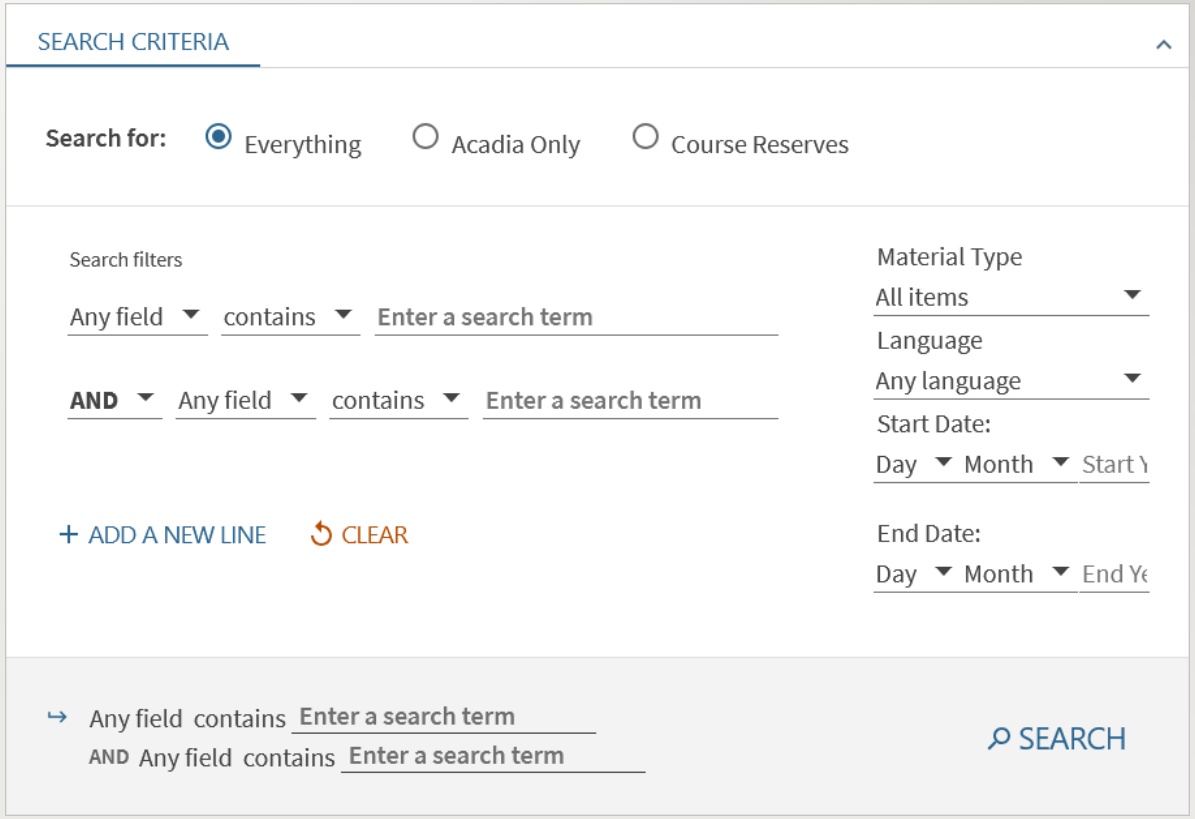
Building Search Keywords

Research Question

- Why did ordinary people support the Russian Revolution of 1917?

Keywords

- Russian Revolution
- Russia 1917
- Popular support
- Political culture
- Public opinion
- World War 1



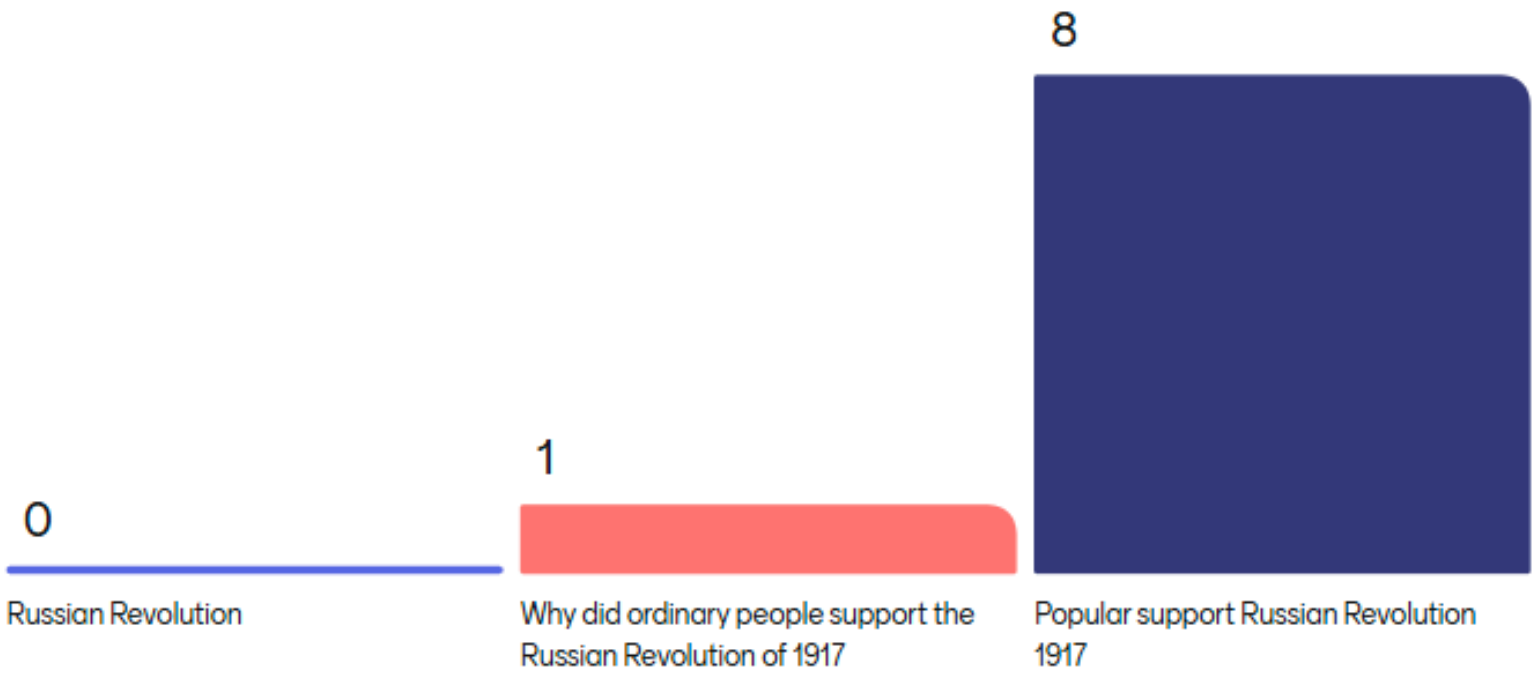
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Which search keywords will provide the **best results** on your research topic?



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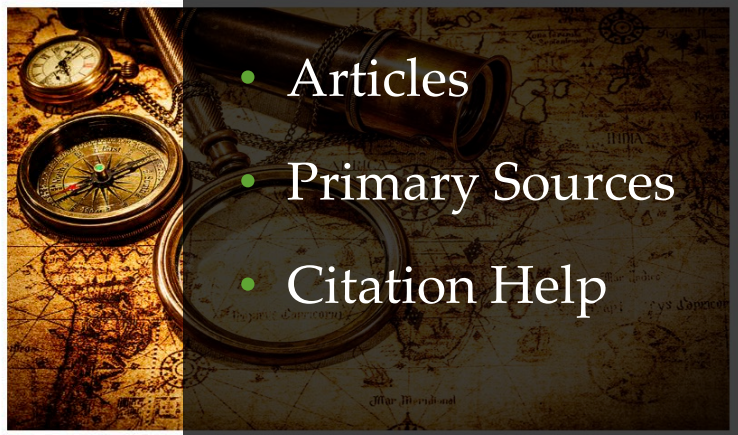
The History Research Guide

Guide Content

This guide is for researchers, scholars and students

It contains both electron of History

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- Books
- Articles
- Primary Sources
- Citation Help

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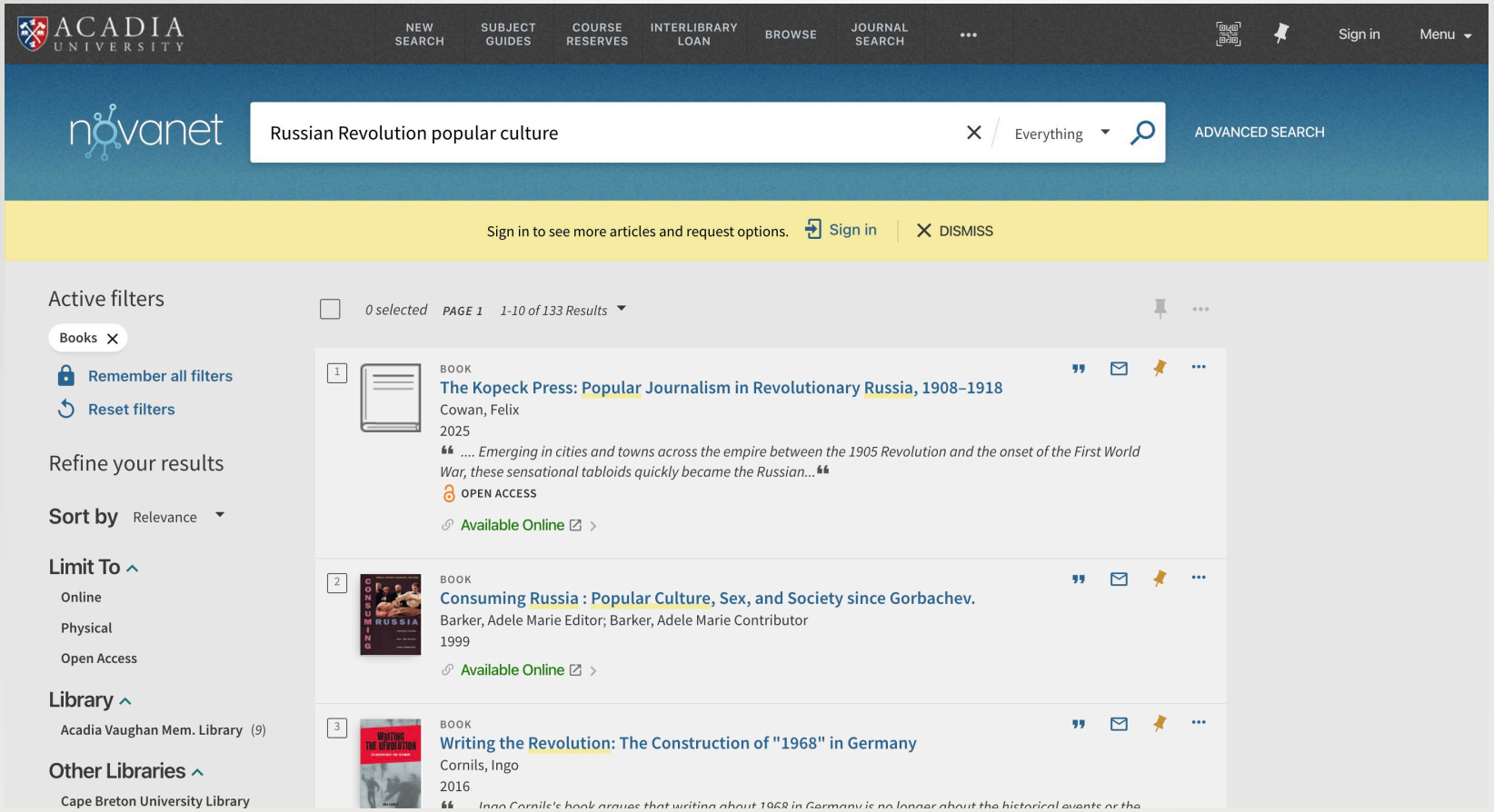
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Online Resources



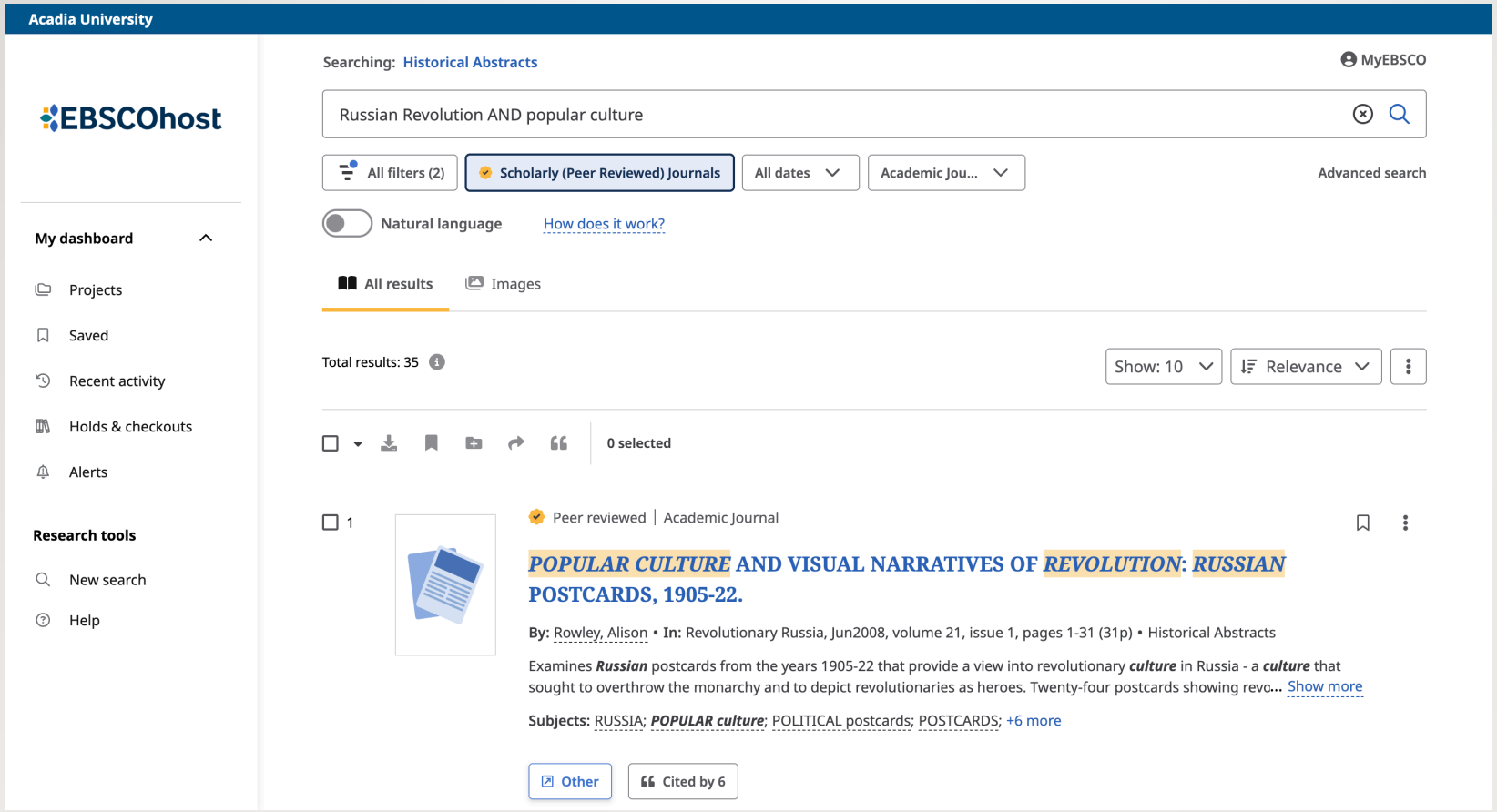
Here is a list of resources in this guide to help you find everything you need!

Finding Books



- Title
- Subject
- Availability

Finding Scholarly Articles



- Scholarly (Peer Reviewed)
- Abstract
- Subjects

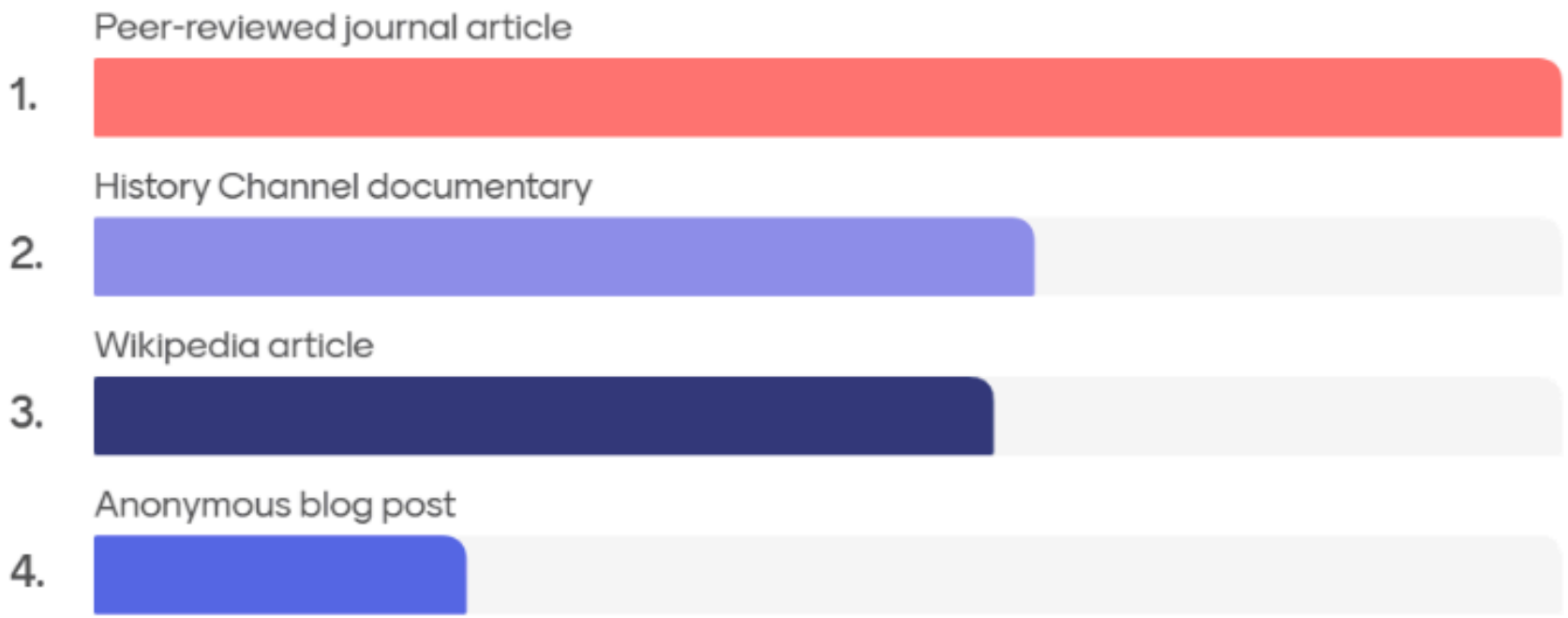
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How would you rank these sources from **most credible** to **least credible?**



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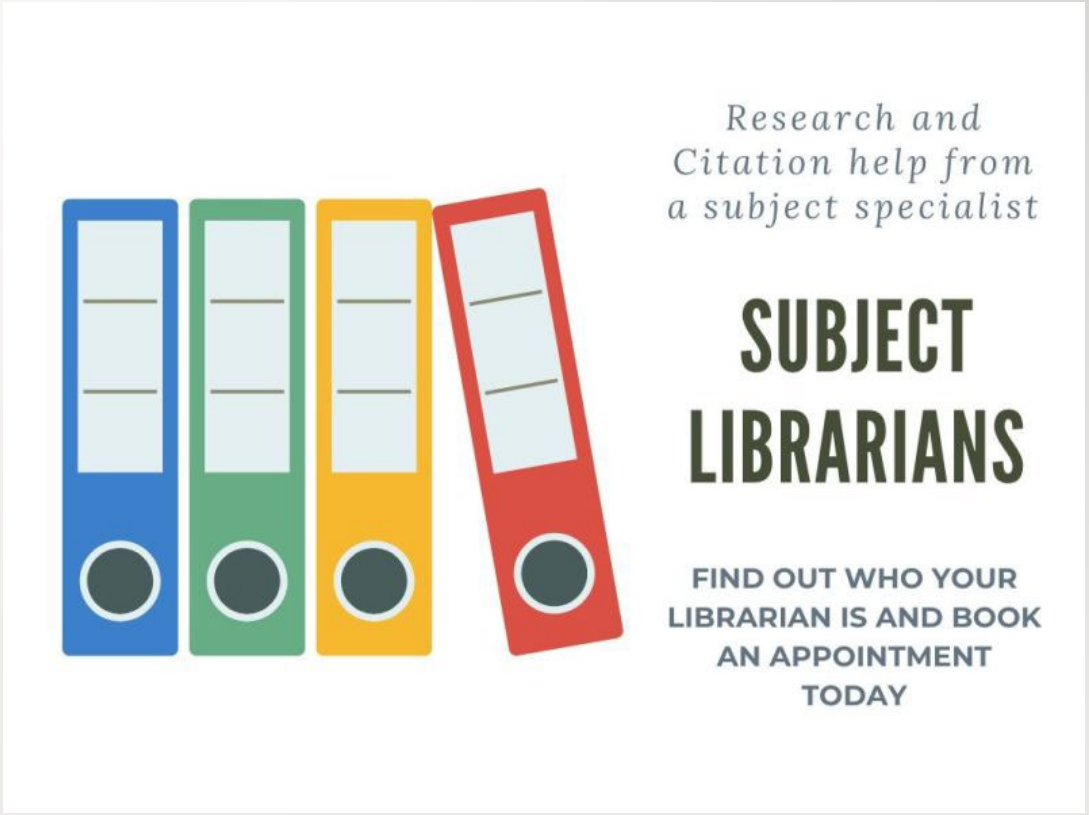
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Research Help Is Available!

You Are Not Expected To Do This Alone

- Research Consultations
- Library Chat
- Email
- History Research Guide
- Interlibrary Loan



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Which of these would help you find **credible sources** when writing a history paper?



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