

How to research your object

You will need to create an annotated bibliography of 3-5 academic sources for your essay. **This is due to be handed in XXXX.** If you are still unsure about what an annotated bibliography is after our class discussion, please see this handy guide: <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/614/01/>

The sources you choose need to be *trusted* sources. They cannot come from Wikipedia (though the footnotes in Wiki are often very useful). If the sources are online, please only use websites that end in .org or .edu, or comes from a “recognized” source like the *New York Times*.

There are a few research resources that will be invaluable to you:

1. Worldcat

This database searches all local libraries when you type in your keyword, so you can search the our own Library catalogue at the same time that you search NYPL, all other libraries at which you have borrowing privileges, and other libraries in the vicinity.

<http://www.worldcat.org>

2. Your home library or the NYPL

Ask a librarian to help you! They’re always a great first port of call.

3. JSTOR

This can be accessed via the library website, looking under “databases,” and searching for “j” for “JSTOR.”

<http://library.XXXX.edu/>

4. The Met Museum website

The Timeline of Art History (<http://metmuseum.org/toah/>), 82nd & Fifth (<http://82nd-and-fifth.metmuseum.org/>), and the general museum collection database (<http://www.metmuseum.org/collections/search-the-collections>) are great resources if your object comes from a museum collection, especially the thematic essays. You can use these as models of how to undertake contextualization of your object, or as sources for illustrations for your essay or presentation.

5. Oxford Art Online

This can be accessed via the Parsons library website, looking under “databases,” and searching for “o” for “Oxford Art Online.”

<http://guides.XXXX.edu/databases>