



## SLAV 140/141 Introduction to Russian Culture

Library Research Session: Databases and Library Catalog

3 kopek Soviet stamp from 1961 showing traditional Russian folk dress.  
[http://bhntimes.blogspot.com/2006\\_08\\_18\\_archive.html](http://bhntimes.blogspot.com/2006_08_18_archive.html)

**Slavic & Eurasian Studies**  
Watson Library, Room 519

Jon Giullian 864-8854 [giullian@ku.edu](mailto:giullian@ku.edu)  
Geoff Husic 864-3957 [husic@ku.edu](mailto:husic@ku.edu)

### SIGN-IN and LOGIN

**Welcome & Goals** - In this session you will learn:

- What is an annotated bibliography and how to prepare one;
- Which scholarly databases to use for researching Stalin;
- Search techniques for finding that content on Stalin.

### Part 1: Introduction to research [10:00]

- a. Getting Started: Background reading on your topic?
  1. Why not use Google?
    - i. All kinds of opinions; Anyone can publish on the web > all kinds of opinions
    - ii. Range of material across entire spectrum: far left wing to far right wing
  2. Encyclopedias (Reference)
- b. Beyond Google – Open Web vs Deep Web.
- c. Olin & Uris Libraries, Cornell University: online guide to annotated bibliographies  
[Search on the Web: TYPE → “How to prepare an annotated bibliography?”]  
<http://www.library.cornell.edu/olinuris/ref/research/skill28.htm>, others.
  1. What is an annotated bibliography? [Write down own definition.]  
LIST OF SOURCES + DESCRIBE, EVALUATE]
  2. Abstracts vs. Annotations [Write down difference.]  
Abstracts DESCRIBE vs. Annotations DESCRIBE & EVALUATE
  3. The process [Write down the process]  
LOCATE → CITE → ANNOTATE
  4. Critically appraising the book, article or document  
[GROUP ACTIVITY – Select one column of terms, read through, make a few notes; then summarize for your neighbor why they are important considerations.]
  5. Choosing the correct format for the citations → MLA (this class?), Chicago, APA

### Part 2: Searching in Databases [10:20]

Scholarly and popular content

- a. Academic search premier (scholarly, analytical, and popular)
- b. Expanded Academic ASAP (scholarly, analytical, and popular)
- c. ProQuest Research Library (scholarly, analytical, and popular)
- d. Wilson Omnifile (scholarly, analytical, and popular)

If you search in these Db's your results will contain a mixture of popular and scholarly material  
SHOW HARD COPIES OF MAGAZINES AND JOURNALS – Russian Life, The Russian Review, Slavic Review, etc.?

This is fine if you want both. But if you want only scholarly material for your topic I recommend searching several other databases.

Scholarly content

- e. [American Bibliography of Slavic and East European Studies \(scholarly\)](#)
- f. [Historical Abstracts \(scholarly\)](#)
- g. [JSTOR \(scholarly\)](#)
- h. [MLA International bibliography \(scholarly\)](#)
- i. [Project Muse \(scholarly, analytical\)](#)

Demo ABSEES (1989-present) & Historical Abstracts (EBSCO HOST)

- a. [Select Databases](#)
- b. [Keywords to choose from: Stalin, collectivization, agriculture, peasants, kulak, collective farms, five-year plan](#)
- c. [Limit results by: Language \(English\). Document type \(Book, Chapter, Journal Article\)](#)
- d. [Results: 32](#)

Select Journal Article w/ Full-text:

SHOW > [Full-text](#), [Add to folder](#)

Select a Journal Article w/o Full-text:

SHOW >

[Abstract](#), [Add to folder](#), [KU Link](#)

[Subjects in ABSEES > Soviet Union—Collectivization of Agriculture \(91 records\)](#)

[Subjects in Historical Abstracts > Collectivization](#)

Go to Folder

SHOW > [Print, Email, Cite, and Save icons](#)

Show JSTOR (if time remains)

- a. [Less coverage of Russian and EE studies \(fewer journals\) but coverage goes back farther](#)
- b. [Keywords: Stalin, collectivization](#)
- c. [Search features similar to ABSEES. All Dbs have similar functionality.](#)
- d. [Full text](#)

### Part 3: Library Catalog [10:40]

Demo

- a. [Stalin, literature](#)
- b. [Limit to English](#)
- c. [Results](#)

#1 [Soviet Russian literature since Stalin > not appropriate](#)

#2 [Images of dictatorship: portraits of Stalin in literature](#)

- a. [Subjects: Stalin, Joseph, 1879-1953 – In literature > 3 titles](#)
- b. [Subject headings > many.](#)

#5 [Stalin and the literary intelligentsia, 1928-39](#)

- a. [Print](#)
- b. [Save to Bookbag](#)

### Part 4: Student Surveys [10:45]