



HIST 564 Medieval Russia:

Library research orientation

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Slavic & Eurasian Studies

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Welcome, Attendance, Goals [2 min.]

Part 1: Topic and search terms [3 min.]

PROBLEM 1: Write down your topic and brainstorm possible search terms

Topic: [womens's clothing](#)

Search terms: [Muscovy](#) (useful for many or all topics), [muscovite](#), [Russia](#), [clothing](#), [dress](#), [costume](#), [fashion](#), [style](#)

Part 2: Library Catalog, LCSH, and Worldcat[30 min.]

Library Catalog

Keyword Search: MUSCOVY COSTUME → Limit: ENGLISH

- [Many works about Muscovy; may include discussion of costume](#)
- [Useful for a other topics](#)
 - [No. 10 → *Rulers and nobles in fifteenth-century Muscovy \(royal marriages?\)*](#)
- [Nothing about costume WHY? Keyword search matches either term](#)
- [Expand search → more general](#)

Keyword Search: RUSSIA COSTUME → Limit: ENGLISH

- [No. 6 → *History of Russian costume from the eleventh to the twentieth...*](#)
- [LCSH → Costume—Russia—Exhibitions](#)
- [LCSH → Costume—Russia](#)

PROBLEM 2: Write down Subject headings relevant to the topic

Subject Heading Search: RUSSIA HISTORY

- [LCSH → Russia—History → 471](#)
- [Subdivided by period, then topic](#)
- [LCSH → Russia—History—1237-1480, 1533-1613, 1613-1689](#)
- [LCSH → Russia—History—1533-1613](#)
 - [Bibliography \(no.12\) – *Russian autocrats from Ivan the Great to the fall of the Romanov dynasty : an annotated bibliography of English language sources to 1985* / by David R. Egan and Melinda A. Egan\)](#)

PROBLEM 3: Write down three subject headings that are relevant to topics for this course.

Bibliographies: Bibliographies are an important tool for locating materials. Whether at the end of a book or article; in a footnote or endnote; a separate work, bibliographies can lead you to the best sources quickly. The process of following a "bibliographic trail" is an effective research strategy especially for historical research.

Author Search: POE, MARSHALL

- Foreign descriptions of Muscovy : an analytic bibliography of primary and secondary sources
- Modernizing Muscovy: reform and social change in seventeenth-century Russia
- Military and society in Russian: 1450-1917. Checked out → RECALL

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Worldcat

How many of you have used Worldcat before?

Advanced Search: RUSSIA and COOKERY and HISTORY (Keyword)

- **Limits** (English, not Juvenile, not Fiction, Rank by Relevance)
- No. 2: Cabbage and cuising: food in Rusian before the great reforms
- No. 5: Bread and salt: a social and economic history of food and drink in Russia → **KU Link**

PROBLEM 4: Describe how to request materials that KU does not own.

Taking the time to limit your results can save time. I performed the search first with no limits. After setting limits the two searches above moved up from Nos. 12 and 35 to Nos. 2 and 5 respectively.

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Part 3: Article Databases [40 min.]

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Historical Abstracts & ABSEES (American Bibliography of Slavic and East European Studies)

- How many of you have used HA before? How about ABSEES?
- (Then you know how to find these DBs from Library web site).

HA & ABSEES are both served up by EBSCO HOST → search simultaneously

- Choose Databases → check boxes for HA and ABSEES
- Advanced Search → Limits (separate for HA and ABSEES)
 - Limit by Publication Type: (CONTROL+CLICK) Academic Journal, Book
 - Limit to Language: English

Advanced Search: SIBERIA and COLONIZATION

- Many hits related to modern Russia
- Refine search: SIBERIA and CONQUEST
- Book: *The Conquest of a Continent: Siberia and the Russians* (period 10c-20c)
- (ICONS): Cite this Article; Export (to RefWorks)

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International Medieval Bibliography Online

Instructor Logon first b/c Db has limited number of simultaneous users;

Advanced Search:

- Free search (enter terms): COMMERCE
- Thematic search – general → Area: Russia
- 4 hits
- REFINE SEARCH (upper right) **DO NOT USE browser BACK button!**

- Free search (enter terms): TRADE
 - 53 hits (Check box → option to export citation)
 - No KU LINK: How to get article? → ILL
- PROBLEM 5: How would you get a hold of articles found in IMB Online?

[WORK TIME]

Part 4: Internet Resources on Medieval Russia [5 min.]

Medieval and Early Modern Russia and Ukraine

<http://faculty.washington.edu/dwaugh/rus/ruspg1.html>

Early Russian Art and Icons

<http://www.usc.edu/dept/LAS/IMRC/russianart/icons.HTM>

Translations of the Laws of Rus'

<http://web.grinnell.edu/individuals/kaiser/Trans.html>

William Craft Brumfield

<http://www.pomorsu.ru/Brumfield/eindex.html>

http://www.cultinfo.ru/brumfield/index_e.htm

Jana Howlett's Web Pages

<http://www.cus.cam.ac.uk/~jrh11/>

David Birnbaum's course page

http://clover.slavic.pitt.edu/~djb/medieval_literature/09-1/index.html

A Brief History of Medieval Russia

http://www.shsu.edu/~his_ncp/MorRus.html

Women in Medieval Russia (9th – 12th centuries)

<http://www.h-net.org/~women/bibs/bibl-medrussia.html>

ХРОНОС – всемирная история в интернете (Extensive Russian language web site on Russian and world history; Every student of Russian history should know about this web site)

<http://www.hrono.ru/>

Part 5: Student surveys [5 min.]