



HIST 564 Medieval Russia:

Library research orientation

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Watson Library, Rm 419

Slavic & Eurasian Studies

Watson Library, Room 519

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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:

Search terms:

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

Library Catalog

- Keyword Search: MUSCOVY CLOTHING → Limit: ENGLISH
- Keyword Search: RUSSIA CLOTHING → Limit: ENGLISH

PROBLEM 2: Write down Subject headings relevant to the topic.

- Subject Heading Search: RUSSIA HISTORY

PROBLEM 3: Write down three subject headings that are relevant to topics in 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

Worldcat

- How many of you have used Worldcat before?
- Advanced Search: RUSSIA and COOKERY and HISTORY (Keyword)

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

Part 3: Article Databases [40 min.]

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

- HA & ABSEES are both served up by EBSCO HOST → search simultaneously
- Choose Databases → check boxes for HA and ABSEES
- Advanced Search: SIBERIA and COLONIZATION

International Medieval Bibliography Online

Advanced Search:

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

- Free search (enter terms): TRADE
- No KU LINK: How to get article?

PROBLEM 5: How would you get a hold of articles found in IMB Online?

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/>