



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://bhtimes.blogspot.com/2006_08_18_archive.html

Slavic & Eurasian Studies

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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 specific content on Stalin.

Part 1: Introduction to research

a. Getting Started: Background reading on your topic?

b. Olin & Uris Libraries, Cornell University: online guide to annotated bibliographies
"How to prepare an annotated bibliography?"

<http://www.library.cornell.edu/olinuris/ref/research/skill28.htm>

1. What is an annotated bibliography?

2. Abstracts vs. Annotations

3. The process

4. Critically appraising the book, article or document.

5. Choosing the correct format for the citations.

(See also KU help: <http://www.writing.ku.edu/students/guides.shtml#6>)

Part 2: Searching in Databases

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. 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)

Part 3: Library Catalog