

SLAV 740 Bibliography and Methods



Research Tools in English (Session 2)

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Overview & Goals

- Session 1: Introduction to KU Libraries website, Watson Library's Collections and Services, Watson Reference collections, and Watson Stacks.
- Session 2: Online Databases for material in English; RefWorks
- Session 3: Vernacular materials; websites

KU Libraries Research Architecture

1. Articles and Databases, Library Catalog, and E-Journals,
2. Citation Linker
3. Research by Subject

Research Problems

1. Select one journal below and determine which databases index it and dates of coverage.
 - a. Canadian Slavonic Papers
 - b. Linguistics
 - c. Russian Review
 - d. Slavic and East European Journal
 - e. Slavic Review
 - f. Slavic and East European Information Resources
 - g. Slavonic and East European Review
 - h. Slovo: Journal of the Old Church Slavonic Institute

2. For the seminar on Nabokov, you are writing a paper on the use of color in Nabokov's prose. What would be your research strategy? What resources would you use?

3. You have some ideas for a dissertation on Maiakovskii and want to see what dissertations have been written on him recently. Give the citation to one dissertation and describe how you can get it?

4. For SLAV 740 (Bib. and Methods) you will write a full book review of one recent book in your annotated bibliography. You thought it might be a good idea to compare a few book reviews in order to get a better sense of how to write a good review. Select a title below and find three reviews. Where and how did you find them?
 - a. The Power of the Powerless: Citizens against the State in Central-Eastern Europe. By Vaclav Havel. Edited by John Keane. London: Hutchinson, 1985, 228 pp.
 - b. Andrei Bitov: The Ecology of Inspiration. By Ellen Chances. (Cambridge Studies in Russian Literature / Studies of the Harriman Institute, Columbia University) Cambridge, New York, and Melbourne: Cambridge University Press, 1993. 334 pp.
 - c. The Morphology of Slavic Verbal Aspect: A Descriptive Historical Study. By Schuyt, Roel. Amsterdam, Atlanta, GA: Rodopi, 1990. 435 pp.
 - d. Introduction to the Croatian and Serbian language. By Thomas F. Magner University Park: Pennsylvania State University Press, c1991. 388 pp.
 - e. Architectures of Russian Identity: 1500 to the Present. Edited by James Cracraft, Daniel B. Roland. Ithaca: Cornell Univeristy Press, 2003. 253 pp.

RefWorks

5. You want to start organizing your sources, so that when you begin thinking seriously about a dissertation topic, you can refer back to them. Do the following:
 - a. Sign up for a Refworks account
 - b. Create a new folder
 - c. Find a book on Google Books and enter information manually
 - d. Search KU catalog directly using RefWorks
 - e. Download one reference from Worldcat
 - f. Download one or more of the review articles into RefWorks: