

UQL Cyberschool Subject Guide:
Macbeth

Getting started

What information are you seeking? Write down key words from your assignment topic to use in your search. Make a list of keywords and synonyms you will be able to use as search terms.

Keywords	Synonyms

Now start your search for information.

Reference

If you are not sure what your topic is all about, look it up in a dictionary or encyclopedia. Start with definitions, maps, timelines or biographical snapshots, to put your topic into perspective.

Title	Location	Call Number
Shakespeare's books : a dictionary of Shakespeare sources	SS&H	PR2952 .G55 2001
Shakespeare's theatre : a dictionary of his stage context	SS&H	PR3095 .R53 2002
The Reader's encyclopedia of Shakespeare	SS&H	PR2892 .S48 1966A
A Shakespeare encyclopaedia	SS&H	PR2892 .S48 1966
The concise encyclopedic guide to Shakespeare	SS&H	PR2892 .M39 1971
The Oxford companion to Shakespeare	SS&H Quarto	PR2892 .O94 2001
A dictionary of Shakespeare	SSAH 3 day	PR2892 .W43 1998
The Cambridge introduction to Shakespeare's tragedies	SSAH	PR2983 .D55 2007

Books

Books are a good starting point. Use the **Keyword** search option in the Library catalogue. You can search on words like **Macbeth or Shakespeare** or specific words relating to your topic.

Tips: use a **question mark (?)** in a word to expand your search e.g. Wom?n will find results for both women and woman; use an **asterisk (*)** at the end of a word to expand your search e.g. marx* will find results for Marx, Marxist, Marxism.

Try the **subject** search for subjects such as **Macbeth, King of Scotland, 11th cent -- In literature** or **Shakespeare, William, 1564-1616. Macbeth** or **Tragedy** or **Regicides in literature** or **Semantics (Law)** or you can also browse the catalogue using **subject keywords** to find **SUBJECT HEADINGS**, or browse the shelves (**PR2823, PR2893, PR2894**)

Now add resources you have found, using the Keywords you listed for your topic.

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Journals

For recent information, journal articles are often the best sources. Looking through journals in the hope of finding relevant material is time consuming. It is better to use full text databases to find articles on your topic. If your school subscribes to databases through UQL Cyberschool, you can access them at school (or home) through your Library network. See your Teacher Librarian for details and passwords.

JSTOR	JSTOR is a multidisciplinary archive of high resolution scanned scholarly journals. It is not a current issues database. Because of JSTOR's archival mission, there is a gap, from 1 to 5 years, between the most recently published journal issue and the back issues available. Subject areas covered include economics, law, history, Asian studies, Middle Eastern studies, language, literature, music, film studies, performing arts, religion and visual arts.
Humanities & Social Sciences Collection (Informit)	Covers agriculture, arts, Asian studies, business, cultural studies, education, history, indigenous studies, law, media, political science, reference, social sciences, science and technology. Content sources include peer reviewed journals, monographs and books, conference proceedings, research papers and reference materials.

Refer to the **Keywords** you listed previously to use as initial search terms. For example, you could search **JSTOR**, limiting the search to articles with full text, using the phrase such as **treason in Macbeth** or **murder in Macbeth** in a search.

Some of the databases available to schools **for free** through your local Council Library or the State Library of Queensland are found at <http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/search/eresources>

Internet resources

To find specific information on the Internet relevant to your assignment search, use the right search tools.

UQL Cyberschool Internet Sites Database – contains selected websites for use in your assignments. It is searchable by keyword and by your school subject e.g. English	http://cyberschool.library.uq.edu.au/index.phtml
A range of Internet Search Tools will help you to locate required information	http://www.library.uq.edu.au/how-to-guides/internet-web-searching

Other resources

For some topics you will need to consult specialist information sources.

Quick Reference Collection An online reference collection providing quick links to Government sites, statistics, biographies, facts, figures, definitions and dates	http://www.library.uq.edu.au/resources/quick-reference
News How to Guide Media releases, the latest news and some freely available archive material.	http://www.library.uq.edu.au/how-to-guides/news-and-newspapers
UQ Library Subject Guides Get started – find books, journal articles, using databases, relevant Internet resources and specialised information in your subject area or handy hints on a specific topic.	http://www.library.uq.edu.au/subject-guides (e.g. Elizabethan theatre)