

UQL Cyberschool Subject Guide: The Individual in History

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

Reference

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

Title	Location	Call Number
The dictionary of 20th-century world politics	SS&H Ref	JA61 .S53 1993
Encyclopedia of the age of imperialism, 1800-1914 (2 vols)	SS&H Ref	D358 .E53 2008
The Routledge dictionary of twentieth-century political thinkers	SS&H	JA83 .R725 1998
Twentieth-century Britain : an encyclopedia	SS&H 3 day	DA566 .T835 1995
The Blackwell dictionary of twentieth-century social thought	SS&H Ref	H41 .B53 1993
Encyclopedia of literature and politics : censorship, revolution, and writing	SS&H Ref	PN51 .E63 2005
Encyclopedia of women's autobiography (2 vols)	SS&H 3 day	HQ1185 .E63 2005
Women's studies encyclopedia (3 vols)	SS&H	HQ1115 .W645 1989-
The concise encyclopedia of western philosophy	SS&H Ref	B41 .U7 2005
Encyclopedia of invasions and conquests from ancient times to the present	SS&H	D25.A2 D38 1996

Books

Books are a good starting point. Use the Keyword search option in the Library catalogue. You can search using a **chosen individual's name** or using words such as **family history, genealogy or autobiography**.

(Tips: use a question mark (?) in a word to expand your search e.g. wom?n will find results for both women and woman and use an asterisk (*) at the end of a word to expand your search e.g. Femin** will find results for both feminist and feminism.)

Try the subject search. You can also browse the shelves at the CALL NUMBERS indicated in your research. 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. Some of the databases available to schools for free through your local (Brisbane City) Council Library or the State Library of Queensland are found at <http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/find/articles>

JSTOR	JSTOR is a multidisciplinary archive of high-resolution, scanned scholarly journals. 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, to find information about a specific individual you could search JSTOR, limiting the search to articles with full text, using their name in a Keyword search.

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 for use in your assignments. It is searchable by keyword and by your school subject e.g. Modern History.	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/quickref/index.html
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/findit/index.html