

Research Paper Recommended Resources

Library Catalogs

- [Rolling Prairie Library System Catalog](#) (RPLS Catalog) – For *books* available at the SHG Library as well as public and school libraries in Central Illinois. To search for books at a specific location, use the Advanced Search option and limit your search by location (i.e. scroll to “Sacred Heart/Griffin HS, Springfield” – to search for materials within the SHG Library). Always use the RPLS catalog first.

**Remember, you may request books owned by other libraries. Interlibrary Loan requests can take up to two weeks so submit your requests ASAP!

HISTORICAL TOPICS

Library Databases

- [Student Resources in Context: GOLD](#) Use this database to find general information about your topic.
- Depending on your topic, search one or both of the history databases: [US History in Context](#) and/or [World History in Context](#). You can search both databases simultaneously by checking the circle next to “Both World & US” under the search box in the upper right hand corner of the screen.

Web Resources

- **Google Site Search** – According to Mr. Judd’s source requirements, you must use .edu websites. You can limit your search in [Google](#) to only include .edu domains by typing `site:.edu searchTERM/S`
Example – To search for information relating to the Hindu Temples, type `site:.edu Hindu Temple`
- **Google News: News Archive Search** (<http://news.google.com/archivesearch>) To search for historical newspapers available for free online. Use the “Advanced News Archive Search” and select “No Price” from the dropdown menu next to “Price.”

CONTEMPORARY TOPICS

Library Databases

- [Student Resources in Context: GOLD](#) Use this database to find general information about your topic.
- [Global Issues in Context](#) Offers global perspectives on issues of international importance and current world events and topics in the news related to these issues.

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