

America: History and Life and Historical Abstracts

About the databases:

- *Historical Abstracts* provides indexing to articles from over 1,700 journals on the history of the world from 1450 to the present (**excluding** the United States and Canada).
- *America: History and Life* provides indexing to articles on the U.S. and Canada from prehistory to the present

Using Historical Abstracts and/or America: History and Life

1. From the library's home page (<http://www.umflint.edu/library/>), select **History** on the "Please Select a Subject" pop-up menu under "Articles & Databases by Subject" and click Go.
2. Click the link to *Historical Abstracts* or *America, History and Life*
 - If you are accessing from off campus, you will have to enter your unqiqname and campus password.
3. Enter search terms into the **Searching:** boxes. A search term may be more than one word, such as "1960s counterculture."
4. Keyword searching is the default. To search specific fields (article title, author, and subject headings), use the "Select a field" pop-up menu to the right.
5. Use Boolean operators AND, OR and NOT to combine terms using the pop-up menus to the left of the **Searching** boxes. (For more information on Boolean operators, see handout "Getting Started with Database Searching" available from the Please select a Handout pop-up menu on the Thompson Library homepage (www.umflint.edu/library).
6. Apply limits using the "Limit your results" table below the Searching boxes. Useful limits include: full text articles, publication year, peer-reviewed articles, and research articles.
7. Click on the "Search" button to begin the search. The resulting list displays articles in reverse chronological order (i.e. the most recently published articles are at the top). Results may be resorted by relevance, publication title (Source), or author's name using the **Sort by** pop-up menu on the right at the top of the search results.
 - Click on the title of the article for the complete citation and abstract. Here you will also typically find subject headings for the article, which can be clicked to do a search for more articles with that subject heading.
8. Click Link to Full Text or Find Full Text to check for availability in other full text article databases.