



Resources for FYSP 102: Rockin' the Revolution
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REFERENCE WORKS – FINDING OVERVIEW AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Modern Encyclopedia of Russian and Soviet History. Gulf Breeze, FL: Academic International Press, 1976-2011. (original set + supplements = 71 vols.)
Main Reference DK14 .M6

Encyclopedia of Contemporary Russian Culture. London: Routledge, 2007.
Main Reference DK510.32 .E53 2007

Encyclopedia of Eastern Europe: From the Congress of Vienna to the Fall of Communism. New York: Garland Pub., 2000.
Main Reference DJK6 .E53 2000

The Cambridge Encyclopedia of Russia and the Former Soviet Union. 2nd ed. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1994.
Main Library DK14 .C35 1994

A Dictionary of 20th-century Communism. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2010.
Main Reference HX40 .D5913 2010

FINDING BOOKS AND OTHER LIBRARY MATERIALS

OBIS is the Oberlin College Library's online catalog; it lists most library materials. OBIS is searchable by **Author** or **Title** for a specific author or work, or by **Subject Heading** or **Keyword** for works about a topic, person, place, etc.

Potentially useful subject headings:

Examples of relevant subject headings

Rock music
Popular music
Communism and culture
Counterculture
Dissenters
Government, Resistance to
Protest movements
Social conflict

Examples of geographic sub-divisions

-- Communist countries
-- Czechoslovakia
-- Europe, Eastern
-- Europe
-- Germany (East)
-- Germany
-- Soviet Union
-- Yugoslavia

USING DATABASES TO FIND ARTICLES IN SCHOLARLY JOURNALS

Connect from Databases tab on the Library home page search box, or use the Quick Links drop-down menu

Academic Search Complete

Indexes articles from general and academic periodicals in all disciplines; over 80% of the journals indexed are peer-reviewed; almost 60% include full text

American Bibliography of Slavic and Eastern European Studies (ABSEES)

Indexes scholarship on all aspects of Eastern European life and culture

Historical Abstracts

Indexes articles from journals covering world history and culture

Performing Arts Periodicals Database

Indexes articles from ~400 journals on all aspects of the performing arts

☞ To determine if the library has a particular journal, Use “360 Link to Full Text” or “Find It!” where available in research databases, or search **Journal Finder** from Library home page or the Quick Links pull-down menu

USING DATABASES TO FIND ARTICLES IN NEWS SOURCES

LexisNexis Academic

Includes full text of newspapers, magazines, and other sources, mostly from the 1990s to present.

Eastview Universal Databases

Includes *Current Digest*, first published as *The Current Digest of the Soviet Press* (1949-1991), followed by *The Current Digest of the Post-Soviet Press* (1992-2010), and now *The Current Digest of the Russian Press*. Each week the *Current Digest* presents a selection of Russian-language press materials translated into English.

SUMMON – first (and default) tab on library home page search box

- searches across the spectrum of library content: books, scholarly articles, newspapers, data, audio, video, images, government documents, and more; searches many, *but not all*, library resources
- draws from OBIS, OhioLINK, many full text and article indexing databases, and digital repositories from colleges, universities, research centers, and other open-access archives
- Subject-specific databases are generally better for complex or comprehensive searches
- OBIS and OhioLINK are generally better for finding books
- if links don’t lead to full text, be persistent or ask for help; we probably *do* have access

CITING YOUR SOURCES

Purdue Online Writing Lab (aka the OWL). Maintained by Purdue University.

<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/>

See the Research and Citation section for examples of how to cite resources using APA, MLA, and Chicago citation styles.

HOW TO GET MATERIALS NOT AVAILABLE AT OBERLIN

OhioLINK (and SearchOhio for public libraries)

- combines the holdings of 120 colleges and university libraries, and 28 public library systems, in Ohio
- how it works: libraries lend materials (primarily books) to each other
 - ☞ *does not include delivery of journal articles – see section below on ILL*
- to request: do-it-yourself online searching and requesting
- “barcode” is the number on the back of your OCID (*not* your T-number)
- how long it takes: allow 3-4 business days
- loan period: 3 weeks + up to 6 three-week renewals if item has not been requested by someone else

Interlibrary Loan (ILL or ILLiad)

- use for: articles in journals not available at Oberlin, books not available from OhioLINK
- how it works: libraries lend materials to each other; journal articles are usually sent as scanned pdfs
- to request: select “ILLiad/Interlibrary Loan” from the Quick Links menu on the Library’s home page; set up an account; enter and track ILL requests online
- how long it takes: allow 1-2 weeks, though many articles arrive much more quickly
- loan period: journal articles are yours to keep; loan period for books varies

HOW TO GET RESEARCH HELP AT THE LIBRARY

Librarians are available to assist with your research projects:

- ✓ *Help focus and define research topics*
- ✓ *Find information for papers and projects*
- ✓ *Locate books, journal articles, and other library materials*
- ✓ *Develop effective search strategies for online databases*
- ✓ *Identify useful web sites and internet resources*
- ✓ *Evaluate the quality of web sites and other information sources*
- ✓ *Track down facts and statistical data*
- ✓ *Learn how to use the library and its resources*

Drop-in help at the Main Library Research Desk. Just stop by and tell us what you need

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Friday: 10am–noon & 1–5pm

Weekend: Sat.: 2–4 pm, Sunday: 1–5pm & 7 pm–midnight

IM. Chat online with a member of Oberlin’s reference staff (ObieRef) – hours same as above

Phone. 440-775-5031 – hours same as above

Email. reference@oberlin.edu – any time

Research appointment. Sign up online from the library home page