

Medieval History Research Pathfinder

If you need research help, stop by the library! If I'm busy with another class, send an email to pvallee@lunenburgonline.com

BOOKS: Destiny Discover - Search our school library

Here is a link to the [Medieval Research Collection](#) of books on that topic

- Use [Destiny Discover](#) to search our library to see if we have books on your topic
- To find books about your topic, type a few keywords to do a search
 - NOTE - did you know that you can sign into your own Destiny account to see what you have checked out, renew items, create collections, and more??
 - Username - beginning of your Google account [2020RyanT]
 - Password - same as your Google account [rwt120456]



- Click + to change to an author, subject or title search
- Click the magnifying glass to start the search
 - Our library is small enough that doing a simple keyword search isn't a huge issue, but sometimes you get back too many results to be useful if you try this in the public library catalog (CWMARS below)

Books: CWMARS - Search the public libraries

- Use [CWMARS](#) to search Lunenburg Public Library and others in central & western Massachusetts
- You'll need a public library card to borrow the books from a library or order through interlibrary loan
- Any CWMARS library card works (from Lunenburg, Fitchburg, Leominster, etc)



Databases

These connect automatically from school; will need passwords for home access

[Database page on the library website](#) - connects to all subject areas

- [History & Government Databases](#)
- [Science & Health Databases](#)

Gale Databases:

1. [World History in Context](#)
 - Search by keyword or subject
 - Look for related subjects
 - Look for primary sources
 - Save articles to Google Drive
 - Click *Sign in with Google* at the top of the screen to connect your Google account
2. [JSTOR](#)
 - Can search within searches
 - Check article topics
 - Save articles
 - First log in using the Lunenburg username and password (if accessing from home - should be automatic in school)
 - Click *Login to My Account* and create an account/login if you want to save articles
3. [Biography in Context](#)
 - Search by author for biographical information
 - Save articles to Google Drive

Keyword/Basic Searching

- Search using only a few keywords to start search
 - The database or book catalog assumes there is an AND between each word you add and looks for books or articles that have ALL the words - so **Lizzie Borden on trial for killing her parents in Fall River** would turn up a lot less hits than only searching **Lizzie Borden trial**
 - You might be adding too many words and missing good information



- Try using different terms, such as:
 - **The Plague** or **Bubonic Plague** instead of **Black Death**
 - **Medieval Period** instead of **Middle Ages**
- Some databases show suggestions when you do keyword searches - look for ones that are capitalized or in bold
- When you find a good article, look for related subjects/topics. Click those links to find more articles on those subjects
- Try quotes around phrases - **"Black Death"** or **"Black Death" primary sources**

Advanced Searching

- The basic/keyword searches can be pretty useful but might turn up too much information. You can do Advanced Searches to limit the search results.
 - Try searching "witch trials" NOT Salem as subjects to find articles about witches that don't include Salem
 - Try searching psychiatric hospital OR asylum as subjects - if you're not sure which term is correct
 - Try searching [your topic -search term] to remove that search term from your results.
 - prohibition -wikipedia to remove wikipedia from the results
 - "Lizzie Borden" history -wikipedia

Google Scholar

Google Search

- Search examples:
 - "Black death" primary sources

