FINDING JOURNAL ARTICLES USING THE ONLINE LIBRARY SEARCH TOOLS

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STEP TWO
CLICK ON “SEARCH TOOLS” AT THE TOP OF THE MIRLYN HOMEPAGE
STEP THREE
LOCATE A DATABASE IN WHICH TO FIND JOURNAL ARTICLES

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Recommended databases for finding history articles are:
- Jstor
- America: History and Life
- Project Muse

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CLICK ON “J,” SCROLL DOWN TO THE LINK, AND CLICK ON IT
STEP FOUR
DO A KEYWORD SEARCH FOR THE ARTICLE IN THE DATABASE

- Use a combination of the author’s last name, and a few of the keywords in the article title.
- For example, see right how to find Pekka Hamalainen’s article “The Rise and Fall of Plains Indian Horse Cultures”.

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STEP FIVE
GET THE PDF AND YOU’RE ALL SET
A FEW TIPS

- If one particular keyword search doesn’t get the desired results, try a variety of combinations.
- When you’re in “search tools” you can also try out “Articles Plus” for finding articles. It searches all databases at once (although sometimes it can actually be harder to find the article that way). But give it a try!