

# FINDING JOURNAL ARTICLES USING THE ONLINE LIBRARY SEARCH TOOLS

A Tutorial in  
Five Steps

History 373: The History of the American West

# STEP ONE

## GO TO MIRLYN.LIB.UMICH.EDU

The screenshot shows the Mirlyn Catalog website in a browser window. The address bar displays "mirlyn.lib.umich.edu". The page header includes the "Mirlyn Catalog" logo and navigation links: "MLibrary Home", "Mirlyn Mobile", "Mirlyn Classic", "Search Tools", "MGet It", "Ask a Librarian", and "ILL". Below the header is a search bar with a dropdown menu set to "All Libraries", a "Clear" button, a search input field, a dropdown menu set to "All Fields", and a "Find" button. There are also checkboxes for "Limit to 'Available online'" and "Include 'Search only (no full text)'". On the right side of the search bar, there are links for "My Account", "Favorites", and "Login", along with a "Mirlyn Classic" button. Below the search bar, there is a section for "Selected items (0)" with links for "Save Selected to Favorites", "List", "Email", "Export", and "Clear". A large box on the left contains a notice about a system upgrade on July 29, 2011, and a list of affected features. On the right side, there is a "Search Tips" section with sub-sections for "Phrase Searching", "Boolean Searching", and "Plus (+) and Minus (-) Operators".

Mirlyn Catalog MLibrary Home | Mirlyn Mobile | Mirlyn Classic | Search Tools | MGet It | Ask a Librarian | ILL

MLibrary

Search in: All Libraries Advanced Search Tips My Account | ★Favorites | Login

Clear All Fields Find Mirlyn Classic

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### Using Mirlyn This Weekend (7/29/11-7/31/11)

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- Get This functionality will not be available
- Many My Account features will not be available

## Welcome to Mirlyn!

The Mirlyn catalog enables you to search and browse the University of Michigan Library's collection of books, journals, audio/video materials, electronic resources and more. If you would prefer to use the [classic](#) catalog interface, please click on the Mirlyn Classic link at the top of any Mirlyn screen.

**New!** **Mirlyn Search Features Available**

Based on your feedback and comments, two new searching features are available in Mirlyn.

### Limit to "Available online"

Titles are identified in Mirlyn as being "Available online" when at least one complete volume, issue, or part of the primary content is accessible online to all current U-M students, faculty and staff. Check this box to limit search results to "Available online" titles. The box will remain checked and will apply to all searches in your session until you uncheck it.

### Include "Search only (no full text)"

### Search Tips

#### Phrase Searching

Use quotes to search an exact phrase: e.g. "occult fiction"

#### Boolean Searching

Use AND, OR, and NOT between words to combine them with Boolean logic: e.g. *(heart OR cardiac) AND surgery NOT procedures* will find items about heart surgery or cardiac surgery but not about surgery procedures. Boolean terms must be in uppercase.

#### Plus (+) and Minus (-) Operators

Use '+' (plus) immediately before a word to make that word required – items must contain that word in order to match your search. Use '-' (minus) immediately before a word to exclude that word – items must not contain that word in order to match your search. *+cat -dog* would match all items that contain the word cat but not the word dog.

YOU CAN ALSO CLICK ON THE LINK TO MIRLYN IN PBWORKS:  
GO TO THE "SIDEBAR" ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE SCREEN

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Recommended websites:

- [Mirlyn](#)
- [The William Clements Library](#)
- [American Memory \(Library of Congress\)](#)
- [Internet Archive](#)

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**Share this workspace**

Add a new writer to the workspace.

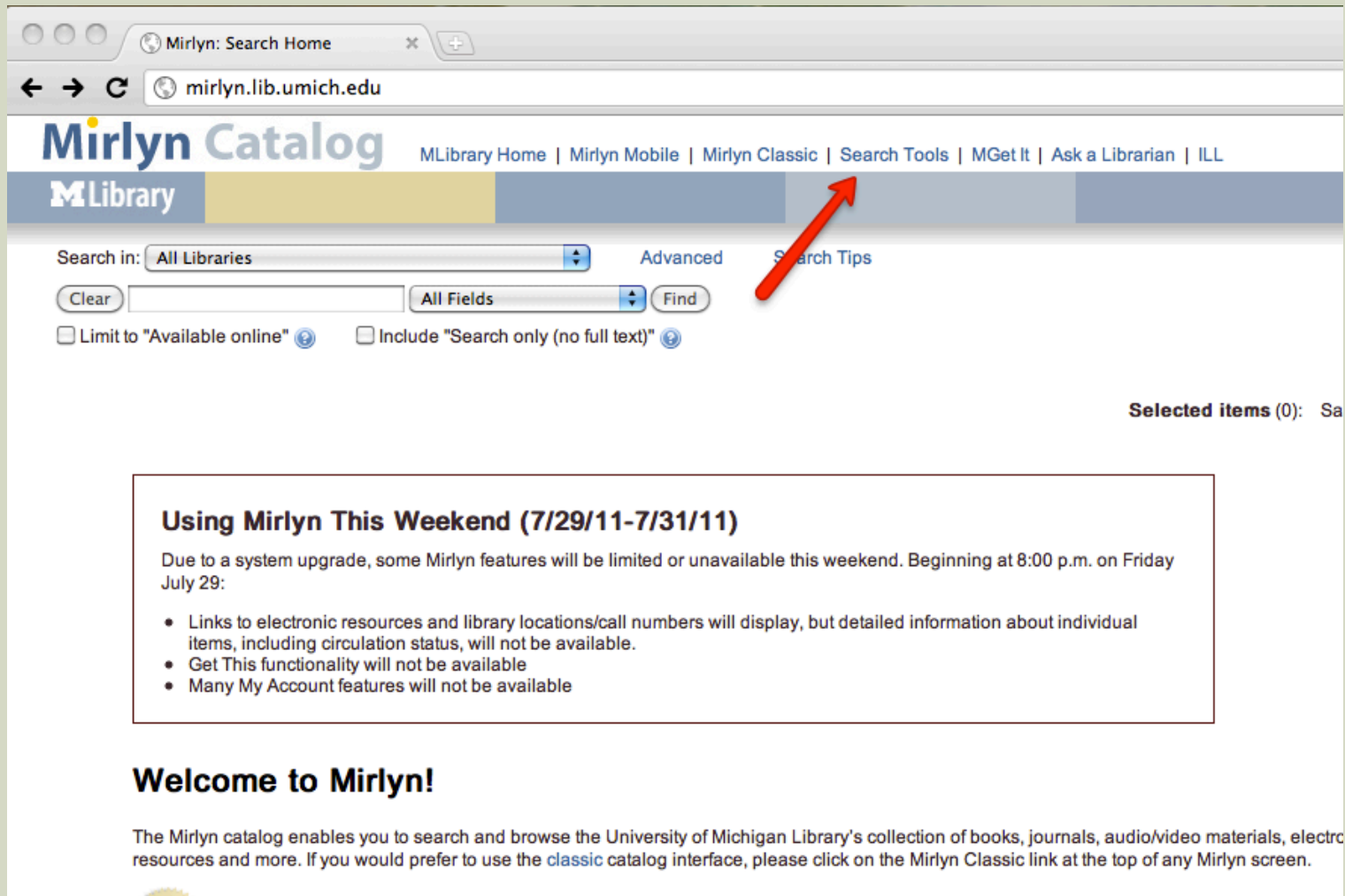
[Add](#)

[User settings](#)

**Recent Activity**

# STEP TWO

## CLICK ON “SEARCH TOOLS” AT THE TOP OF THE MIRLYN HOMEPAGE



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# STEP THREE

## LOCATE A DATABASE IN WHICH TO FIND JOURNAL ARTICLES

The screenshot shows a library website interface. On the left is a vertical navigation menu with the following items: Search, Online Journals, Search, Browse Alphabetically, Browse by Subject, Databases, Search, Browse Alphabetically, Browse by Subject, Favorites, Articles, Journals, and Databases. The 'Databases' item is highlighted in a darker blue. To the right of the menu is the 'Search Tools' section, which includes a search input field, a 'Go' button, and radio buttons for 'Databases' (selected), 'Online Journals', and 'ArticlesPlus'. Below this is the 'Articles' section with a heading and a paragraph starting 'Use ArticlesPlus to search for articles, books, and other sources.' Further down is the 'Databases' section with a heading and a paragraph starting 'Find databases by using the Search, Browse Alphabetically, or Browse by Subject option.' On the far right, the 'Favorites' section is partially visible with a heading and a paragraph starting 'View items you have saved to My Search Tools. You can view those when they are available in Search Journals, Data...'. A yellow callout box with a red arrow points to the 'Browse Alphabetically' link in the navigation menu.

**Click on “Browse Alphabetically” under the Databases tab on the left side of the screen**

## HERE YOU CAN PICK A DATABASE IN WHICH TO SEARCH FOR ARTICLES

Recommended databases for finding history articles are:

- Jstor
- America: History and Life
- Project Muse

Most journal articles you will have to look for should be available through any of these.

# LET'S USE JSTOR!

## CLICK ON "J," SCROLL DOWN TO THE LINK, AND CLICK ON IT

*Streaming audio of every jazz genre and time period and featuring jazz artists from around the world. 120,000+ recordings from scores ...*

Database type: Audio

Stable URL: <http://www.lib.umich.edu/database/link/30251>



[More Information about Jazz Music Library](#)

### JSTOR

*Provides full-text access to the archives of core scholarly journals in the arts, humanities, social sciences and sciences. Includes ...*

Database type: E-Journal(s)

Stable URL: <http://www.lib.umich.edu/database/link/27207>



[More Information about JSTOR](#)



#### QUICK LINKS

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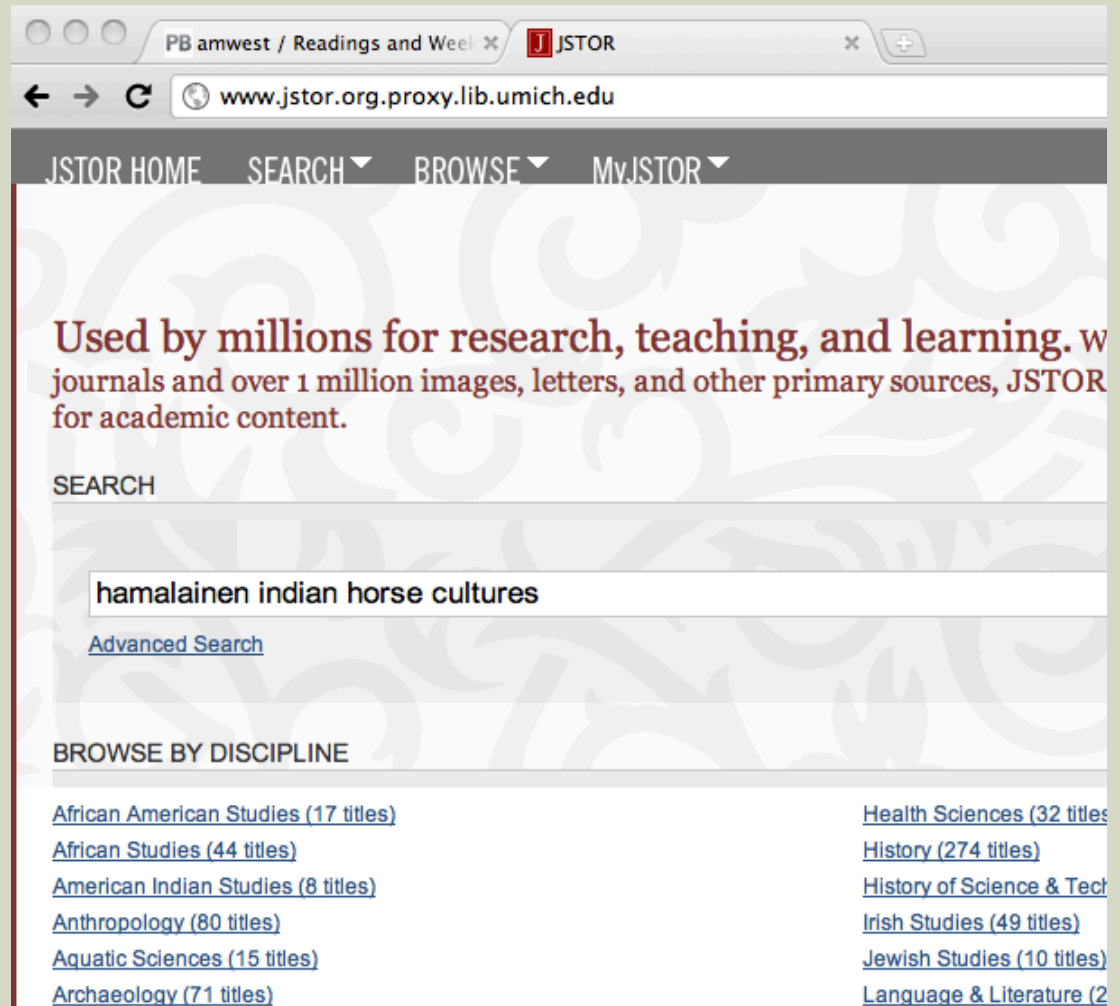
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# STEP FOUR

## 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"



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying "www.jstor.org.proxy.lib.umich.edu". The page header includes navigation links: "JSTOR HOME", "SEARCH", "BROWSE", and "MyJSTOR". Below the header, a promotional banner reads: "Used by millions for research, teaching, and learning. with journals and over 1 million images, letters, and other primary sources, JSTOR for academic content." The "SEARCH" section features a search bar containing the text "hamalainen indian horse cultures" and a link for "Advanced Search". Below the search bar, the "BROWSE BY DISCIPLINE" section lists various academic fields with the number of titles available for each:

Discipline	Number of Titles
<a href="#">African American Studies</a>	17 titles
<a href="#">African Studies</a>	44 titles
<a href="#">American Indian Studies</a>	8 titles
<a href="#">Anthropology</a>	80 titles
<a href="#">Aquatic Sciences</a>	15 titles
<a href="#">Archaeology</a>	71 titles
<a href="#">Health Sciences</a>	32 titles
<a href="#">History</a>	274 titles
<a href="#">History of Science &amp; Technology</a>	10 titles
<a href="#">Irish Studies</a>	49 titles
<a href="#">Jewish Studies</a>	10 titles
<a href="#">Language &amp; Literature</a>	2 titles





# STEP FIVE

## GET THE PDF AND YOU'RE ALL SET

[Save Citation](#)  [Email Citation](#) [Export Citation](#) [Track Citation](#)

**Select/unselect all**

- 1. [The Western Comanche Trade Center: Rethinking the Plains Indian Trade System](#)   
[Pekka Hämäläinen](#)  
*The Western Historical Quarterly*, Vol. 29, No. 4 (Winter, 1998), pp. 485-513  
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- 2. [The Rise and Fall of Plains Indian Horse Cultures](#)   
[Pekka Hämäläinen](#)  
*The Journal of American History*, Vol. 90, No. 3 (Dec., 2003), pp. 833-862  
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- 3. [The Politics of Grass: European Expansion, Ecological Change, and Indigenous Power in the Southwest Borderlands](#)   
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- 5. [Of Lethal Places and Lethal Essays](#)   
[John R. Wunder](#), [Pekka Hämäläinen](#)  
*The American Historical Review*, Vol. 104, No. 4 (Oct., 1999), pp. 1229-1234  
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# 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!

