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## Research Basics

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Places to start finding stuff:

- Library online catalog <<http://library.bowdoin.edu/>>
  - Start with a word search <<http://phebe.bowdoin.edu/search/w>>
- Maine Info Net <<http://130.111.64.9/>>
- Online journals:
  - Jstor <<http://library.bowdoin.edu/ejournals/ip/jstor.cgi>>
  - Project Muse <<http://library.bowdoin.edu/ejournals/ip/muse.cgi>>
  - Academic Search Premier <<http://web1.epnet.com/search.asp>>
- America: History and Life <<http://library.bowdoin.edu/erl/ip/america.cgi>>
- Library guide to American History <<http://library.bowdoin.edu/rguides/amerhist/>>
- Rael's guide to historical research at Bowdoin  
<<http://www.bowdoin.edu/%7Eprael/sources.htm>>
- WorldCat <<http://library.bowdoin.edu/erl/ip/worldcat.cgi>>
- Some useful reference sources <<http://www.bowdoin.edu/%7Eprael/encyclopedia.htm>>

Online guides for citing sources:

- Research and Documentation Online (online guide from Bedford/St. Martin's Press)  
<<http://www.bedfordstmartins.com/hacker/resdoc/history/footnotes.htm>>
- A Brief Citation Guide for Internet Sources in History and the Humanities  
<<http://www.h-net.msu.edu/%7Eafrica/citation.html>>
- Online! from Bedford's/St. Martin's Press (for electronic sources only)  
<<http://www.bedfordstmartins.com/online/index.html>>
- Citing Electronic Sources (from the Library of Congress)  
<<http://memory.loc.gov/learn/start/cite/index.html>>

Three books on writing every history student should own:

- Mary Lynn Rampolla, *A Pocket Guide to Writing in History*, 3rd ed. (Boston: Bedford Books/St. Martin's Press, 2001). <D13.R295 2001> Contains much concise, useful advice, including a guide to Chicago-style citations.

- Kate Turabian, *A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*, 6th ed. (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1996). <LB2369.T8 1996> The standard source for college history writers.
- Diana Hacker, *Rules for Writers*, 3rd ed. (Boston: Bedford Books of St. Martin's Press, 1996). <PE1408 .H277 2000> A standard grammar, useful for identifying and correcting mistakes.