Guide to Planning your Research – ART & GRAPHIC DESIGN

Step 1: Define subject:

Handbooks:
- Oxford Companion to Art REF. N 33 .O9 1970

Encyclopedias:
- Encyclopedia of Painting REF. ND 30 .E5 1979

Internet Websites
- Art Cyclopedia
- Academicindex.net
- Smithsonian Encyclopedia

Step 2: Vocabulary or Thesaurus

Dictionaries:
- Dictionary of Art (34 vols.) REF. N 31 .D5 1996
- Renaissance Art… REF. N 6370 .E27 1987

Step 3: Sources of information: collections of books & videos (library catalog)

Library Catalog

Elements of Graphic Design
Author: White, Alex W.
Call Number: Z 246 .W56 2011
Location: STACKS
Availability: Available for Circulation

The private life of a masterpiece. 17th century masters (Disc two) [Videorecording - DVD]
Author: Davies, Russell.
Call Number: N 72.5 P75 2008
Location: RESERVE DVD/LIBRARY USE ONLY
Availability: Non-Circulating

Periodicals: magazines, newspapers & journals

Art in America N 1 .A43 (display ; stacks 2007- present)
Artist’s Magazine N 7430 .A734 (display ; stacks 2007- present)
ARTnews N 1 .A6 (stacks display ; stacks 2007- present)
Communication Arts NC 997 .A1 C2 (display 2013-

PERIODICAL DATABASES

Online information databases are large, regularly updated collections of digitized information -- including but not limited to abstracts and full text articles from journals and newspapers, conference proceedings and submitted papers, dissertations, government reports, essays, book chapters, web pages, etc. The content is created by publishers who release print versions, then lease the rights to their information to database vendors. Database records are easy to search and retrieve because the content of each record has been analyzed and assigned appropriate subject headings, keywords, names, etc. New records are regularly downloaded from the producer of each database. Gates Memorial Library Databases
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Art History Resources on the Web (associations, universities, organizations, etc.)

- AIGA
- Artdaily.org
- ArtServ
- Google Art Project
- Internet Art Sources
- Library of Congress - Exhibitions
- Smithsonian Institution Research Information System
- Timelines of Art History

Citing Sources
Each database provides “How to cite” for each article but these sites provide more information for citing various media (books, databases, websites, etc.) The guides and links in this section will enable persons to properly use body citations and create works cited or bibliography pages.

- APA Style
- MLA Style
- EasyBib MLA citation creator
- Referencing Tool
- Son of Citation Machine
- Turabian Style
- University of California Berkeley (APA, MLA, Chicago)

Other Library Catalogs

- Lamar University Beaumont Library
- Lamar-Orange Library
- Port Arthur Public Library
- WorldCat - World's most comprehensive bibliography, with more than 2 billion bibliographic records representing over 400 languages and all types of materials ranging from stone tablets to electronic books.

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