



HOMWORK FOR LIBRARY DAY 1- ACTIVITY #1: EXPLORE CREDO REFERENCE

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1. Go to the library homepage, <http://library.olivet.edu>
2. Click on the "Subject Guides" tab
3. Choose the **Good Places to Start** Subject Guide
4. Under the heading "Selected eBooks," choose Credo Reference
5. Use this general topic: **founding fathers of the United States of America**
6. Explore this database of full text, subject-specific, reference books.
 - a. Try the most important keywords if a long phrase doesn't work well
 - b. On the results list, notice how long the articles are
 - c. Try the "Mind Map" search option
 - d. Suggest a narrower topic or specific research question based on this general topic.: _____

Notes

Not finding what you need? Try a similar database, [Gale Virtual Reference](#).

HOMEWORK FOR LIBRARY DAY 1- ACTIVITY #2: USING THE DEWEY DECIMAL SYSTEM TO FIND SOURCES FOR YOUR TOPIC

Dewey classification for CMS topics

100-199	Philosophy & Psychology
200-299	Religion
310-339	Political Science & Economics
340-359	Law & Public Administration
900-999	Geography & History

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Keyword Library Catalog Find

[Advanced Search](#) | [Classic Search](#) | [Course Reserves \(behind circulation desk\)](#) | [Search History](#) | [New Titles](#)

1. Use the Library Catalog, <https://vufind.carli.illinois.edu/vf-onu/>, to search for a subject-specific reference book related to your topic.
 - a. Search using one keyword related to your topic
 - b. On the results screen, look on the right-side. Under "Locations" choose "Reference"
Note: All of these results have call numbers beginning with an "R," This means they are in the Reference Collection on the first floor & cannot be checked out.
 - c. Additional dictionaries and encyclopedias for many subject areas have recently been moved to the circulating collections on the third Floor. These books *can* be checked out!

Keyword you used: _____

Title of a specific reference book I want to review: _____

Call number: _____



Allow 15-25 minutes for steps 2-6

1. Go to the Reference Collection (1st floor) **OR** to the circulating collection (and 3rd floor)
2. Find the shelf which houses your book.
3. Find the book. *Ask for help at the Reference Desk if needed!*
4. Use the table of contents or index to locate an entry related to your specific area of interest (or one that will help you narrow your topic). **Page number:** _____

5. Read the entry.

List one new thing you learned from reading this article:

List one question that emerged from reading this article: _____

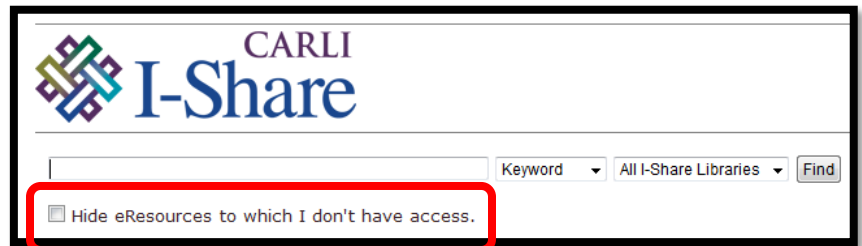
HOMEWORK FOR LIBRARY DAY 1-RESOURCE #3:

EXPLORE THE ILLINOIS CATALOG [I-SHARE]

1. Go to the library homepage, <http://library.olivet.edu>
2. Click on the "Books & Media" tab.
3. Choose the gray button for the "Library Catalog"
4. Do a keyword search for this general topic: **"Civil War"**
5. Note how many results you get: _____
6. Redo your keyword search for civil war, but change the drop-down box to the "Illinois Catalog" Including Olivet, the Illinois catalog searches the holdings of 90 academic library partners in the state!
7. Note how many results you get when searching the combined catalog: _____



8. When searching the combined catalog, you may see results for ebooks that are available only to patrons at a specific school. In order to avoid frustration, consider using the "Hide eResources to which I don't have access" checkbox.



9. Explore the database
 - a. List three material formats that are available for this topic:

- b. Note 3 ways to limit your results: _____

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HOMEWORK FOR LIBRARY DAY 1- ACTIVITY #4:

EXPLORE EBOOK CENTRAL

1. Go to the library homepage, <http://library.olivet.edu>
2. Click on the “Books & Media” tab on the homepage.
3. Click on “eBook Collections”
4. Choose “Ebook Central”
5. Use this general topic: **“civil war” Africa**



6. Explore this database of scholarly, fulltext, books.
 - a. Compare content on the “Book Results” and “Chapter Results” tabs
 - b. What is the difference between searching with ANY of the selected subjects –vs- ALL of the selected subjects?
 - c. Suggest a narrower topic or specific research question based on this general topic.

Full text reading options:

- Read online (preferred). Login to your bookshelf to save books plus make highlights and notes. **ONUnet username and password are used—so it’s easy!**
- Using your **own computer**, download for up to 21-days. Requires Adobe Digital Editions app *and* an Adobe account.

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