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Images and Ideas in Asian Art
Guided Library Exercise

1. **The Library Catalog** lists books, media and periodical titles owned by the Sojourner Truth Library. Search for books about pre-modern Asian Art using the following search strategies:

- In the Basic Search Screen, using a “Words Anywhere” search, type: *South Asian Art*. Take a look at three of the books that appear in the results list. Click on the titles and look to see where your search terms appear in the record. Review the Subject Headings that are assigned to the books. These are Library of Congress Subject Headings. You can click on any of these Subject Headings to see a list of books in our catalog that have classified under this Subject Heading.

A “Words Anywhere” search will search the catalog for your terms anywhere the terms appear within the catalog record (the title, the content notes, or the subject headings). A “Words Anywhere” search automatically inserts an AND operator between each search term. Therefore, *South Asian Art* is not searched exclusively as a phrase, but as individual terms appearing anywhere in the same record.

- In the Basic Search Screen, using a “Subject Word(s)” search, Type: *Buddhist Art*

A “Subject Word(s)” search will search the catalog for your terms anywhere the terms appear within the Subject Headings. Subject Headings are assigned to each book by the Library of Congress.

- In the Basic Search Screen, using a “Subject Begins With” search, Type: *Art, India*. Review the list of subject headings (the *Art, China* subject heading will be subdivided several ways) that result from this search. Select one of the subject headings and view the list of books.

A “Subject Begins With” search will search the catalog for your terms as an exact Subject Heading.

- In the Advanced Search Screen, type: *Art, India* in the first search box. Change the “Field to Search” box to “Subject.” In the second search box, type: *Buddhism* or *Buddhist*. Leave the Field to Search box as Words Anywhere. This search will command the catalog to search for all books classified under the Subject Heading *Art, India* that also contains the term *Buddhism* or *Buddhist* somewhere in the catalog record.

Explore the results of any of the above Library Catalog searches and select one book that interests you. Cite this book you have chosen using the MLA Style:

Citing Books Using MLA Style

The basic form for a book citation is:

Lastname, Firstname. *Title of Book*. Place of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication.

Book with One Author

Example:

Henley, Patricia. *The Hummingbird House*. Denver: MacMurray, 1999.

Your MLA citation here:

For more MLA *Citation & Style* resources, consult the *Research Assistance* page on the library homepage.

2. Using the library database, **JSTOR**.

Go to the library web page and click the “Databases” tab at the top of the page. Click the drop-down menu and scroll down to JSTOR and click “go”. Once in JSTOR, click the heading “Advanced Search”, then scroll down and check the discipline “**Asian Studies**” and the discipline “**Art & Art History**”.

The **JSTOR Asian Studies Collection** is a digital archive of 15 core scholarly Asian Studies journals.

The **JSTOR Art & Art History Collection** is a digital archive of 35 core scholarly Art & Art History journals.

Search for articles about the ritual and mortuary arts of ancient China. Try typing *Mortuary Arts* in the “full-text” box and type *Ancient China* in the other “full-text” box. Review the list of articles and download (to look at on-screen, not necessary to print) the article written by Robert L. Thorp about ritual vessels.

Cite this article using the MLA Style:

Example of how to cite an article from a library database:

Author. “Article Title.” Periodical Title Volume. Issue (Date): Page number.
Name of the database. Name of the library through which you accessed the content, City and State of the library. Date of access <URL of the database homepage>.

Steinhauer, Harry. "Hunger Artist or Artist in Hungering: Kafka's 'A Hunger Artist'." Criticism 4.1 (1962): 28-43. Gale Literature Resource Center. Sojourner Truth Library, New Paltz, NY. 20 Feb. 2007 <<http://galenet.galegroup.com>>.

Your MLA citation here:

For more MLA *Citation & Style* resources, consult the *Research Assistance* page on the library homepage.

Do another search for articles in **JSTOR** about the concept of sacred mountains in Chinese landscape painting. Type *Landscape* in the "full-text" box, *Sacred Mountains* in the next "full-text" box, and type "*China or Chinese*" in the other "full-text" box.

Find and look at the book review of *Sacred Mountains in Chinese Art* by Kiyohiko Munakata.

- 3. Art Abstracts** indexes approximately 450 art journals and museum bulletins from 1984 to the present. Art Abstracts can be found on our webpage under the tab "Databases" at the top of the library website. Search Art Abstracts to find articles that address the subjects listed below.

Try different search terms for each of the **three topics**. Choose an article from the list resulting from each search, and record the citation in MLA.

Write the search terms that you used.

First Topic: Chinese ceramics

Try the Search Terms: (*China OR Chinese*) AND (*ceramics OR pottery*)

Cite an article about Chinese ceramics using the MLA Style:

Second Topic: Symbolism in Chinese landscape art

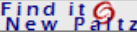
Tell us your Search Terms:

Cite an article about symbolism in Chinese landscape art using the MLA Style:

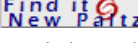
Third Topic: Buddhist iconography in China

Tell us your Search Terms:

Cite an article about Buddhist iconography in China using the MLA Style:

4. Select one article from the citations that you recorded above. Try to access the article electronically and also determine if the library owns it in print. To access the article electronically, try using the  button. This button will open an SFX window in which a link will be provided to the full-text (if available via SFX). If the full-text is not available via SFX, you can click the “Check availability in Serials Solutions”. To determine if the library owns a print subscription to the journal, search the Library Catalog using a “Title begins with” search.

Which way(s) is the article available:

- The full-text was available through a PDF link
 - Full-text was available via  (or SFX)
 - Full-text was available via Serials Solutions
 - Full-text was available in print in the library
5. **WebFeat** is a federated search system that allows you to cross search the Library Catalog and Databases within a single search. To access Webfeat, go to the library web page, and click the tab at the top that says WebFeat. Click the link to the right that says: Go to WebFeat Advanced Search.

Once in Webfeat, select the following categories: Arts and Asian Studies.

These categories include many databases, some of the databases include:

Academic Search Premier (EBSCO), Art Abstracts (EBSCO), ArtStor, BHA (Bibliography of the History of Art), InfoTrac OneFile (Gale), JSTOR, Proquest Research Library, STL Catalog, and Worldcat.

In the search box,

Type: *Japanese Calligraphy* and click “GO.” A scoreboard of records retrieved will appear as WebFeat searches the resources.

Scroll through the results from the different databases and choose one item.

Write the bibliographic citation using the MLA Style:

6. Please comment on your library research experience. Feel free to make general comments and to elaborate on which of the tools worked the best for you. Thank you.