

Library Instruction: Modern China

□ Identify a topic

Confucianism
Qing Dynasty
The Opium War
The 1911 Revolution

□ Find an overview of the topic by using Reference books:

Encyclopedia of Chinese philosophy **REF B126.E496 2003**
Facts about China **REF DS706 .F25 2003**
Cultural atlas of China - **Reference Oversize DS721 .B56 1998**
Modern China: a guide to a century of change **REF DS774.H796 2001**
The Columbia guide to modern Chinese history **REF DS755.S635 2000**
Political leaders of modern China: a biographical dictionary **REF DS755.3.P64 2002**
China **REF DS779.26.C4728 2002**
Biographical dictionary of Chinese women 1644-1911 **REF HQ1767.5.A3 B56 1998**
Notable women of China: Shang dynasty to the early twentieth century **REF HQ1767.5.A3 N68 2000**
Modern China : an encyclopedia of history, culture, and nationalism **Ref JC311 .M54 1998**

□ Refine and, if necessary, narrow your topic:

Example: Manchu and Qing Dynasty
1911 Revolution and women

□ Search the STL Catalog for books on your topic.

Choose "Words Anywhere" if you are not sure of the subject heading.
Choose "Subject begins with," if you think your topic may be a subject.

The following are examples of possible "subject begins with" searches:

<i>China -- History -- Qing dynasty, 1644-1912</i>	<i>Confucianism</i>
<i>China -- History -- Opium War, 1840-1842</i>	<i>China civilization</i>
<i>China -- History -- Taiping Rebellion, 1850-1864</i>	<i>Communism-China</i>
<i>China -- History -- Boxer Rebellion, 1899-1901</i>	<i>Nationalism- China</i>
<i>China -- History -- 19th century</i>	<i>Socialism -- China</i>
<i>China -- History -- Revolution, 1911-1912</i>	<i>Women- China</i>
<i>Mao, Tse-tung, 1893-1976</i>	

- **PRIMARY SOURCES** - Primary sources provide firsthand evidence of historical events. These include letters, diaries, photographs, speeches, and other documents.

Use the following resources to find primary sources:

- **Historical New York Times:** Full-text coverage of the New York Times from 1851-2003
To get to this database, visit <http://lib.newpaltz.edu/databases/dbindex.html> and find Historical New York Times from the drop-down list.
- **The Library of Congress American Memory:**
<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/index.html>
- To locate primary resources in **STL's Library Catalog**, try searching by subject on the person, place, event, etc., in combination with one of the following terms: diaries, journals, letters, personal narratives, correspondence, sources, pictorial works, maps, and speeches.

□ **RECENT SCHOLARSHIP IN BOOK FORM**

Use STL's Library Catalog and search by title, author, word(s) anywhere, or subject

You can also search the database **WorldCat** for books in other libraries. If you find a book in this database that STL does not own, you can order the book through Interlibrary Loan. Books usually take 2-3 weeks to get to STL.

□ **Finding Book Reviews**

There are a few different databases that allow you to search for book reviews, which include the following:

- **Academic Search Elite**
Limit your results by- **Document Type: Book Review** & search by author or title
- **Proquest**
Click on "More Search Options" and limit by **Document Type: Book review** & Search with title or author's name
- **JSTOR**
Go to the Expert Search and "Narrow Your Search To:" "These Types:" **Review**

□ **Recent scholarship in peer-reviewed journals (use STL's databases to find journal articles)**

- **Academic Search Elite:** Covers many subject areas, with a considerable amount of full text. Limit to "Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals."
- **CSA Illumina:** Limited to: Journal Articles Only.
- **Onfile (Infotrac):** Multidisciplinary database. Limit to "to peer-reviewed publications" for scholarly journal articles.
- **JSTOR:** Archival source for full-text articles from scholarly sources (Asian Studies, History, Language & Literature, etc.)
- **ProQuest:** Search for journals, magazines & newspapers; some with full text and images
Limit to "Scholarly journals, including peer-reviewed."