

ELITE Workshop

Hidden Gems: Finding and Using Primary Sources through the MC Library

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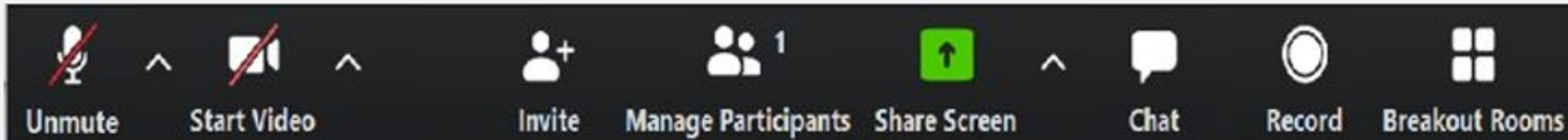
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Learning Outcomes

- Explore features of the ProQuest Primary Sources Collection
- Develop effective search techniques
- Evaluate primary sources
- Demonstrate skills learned in a search activity

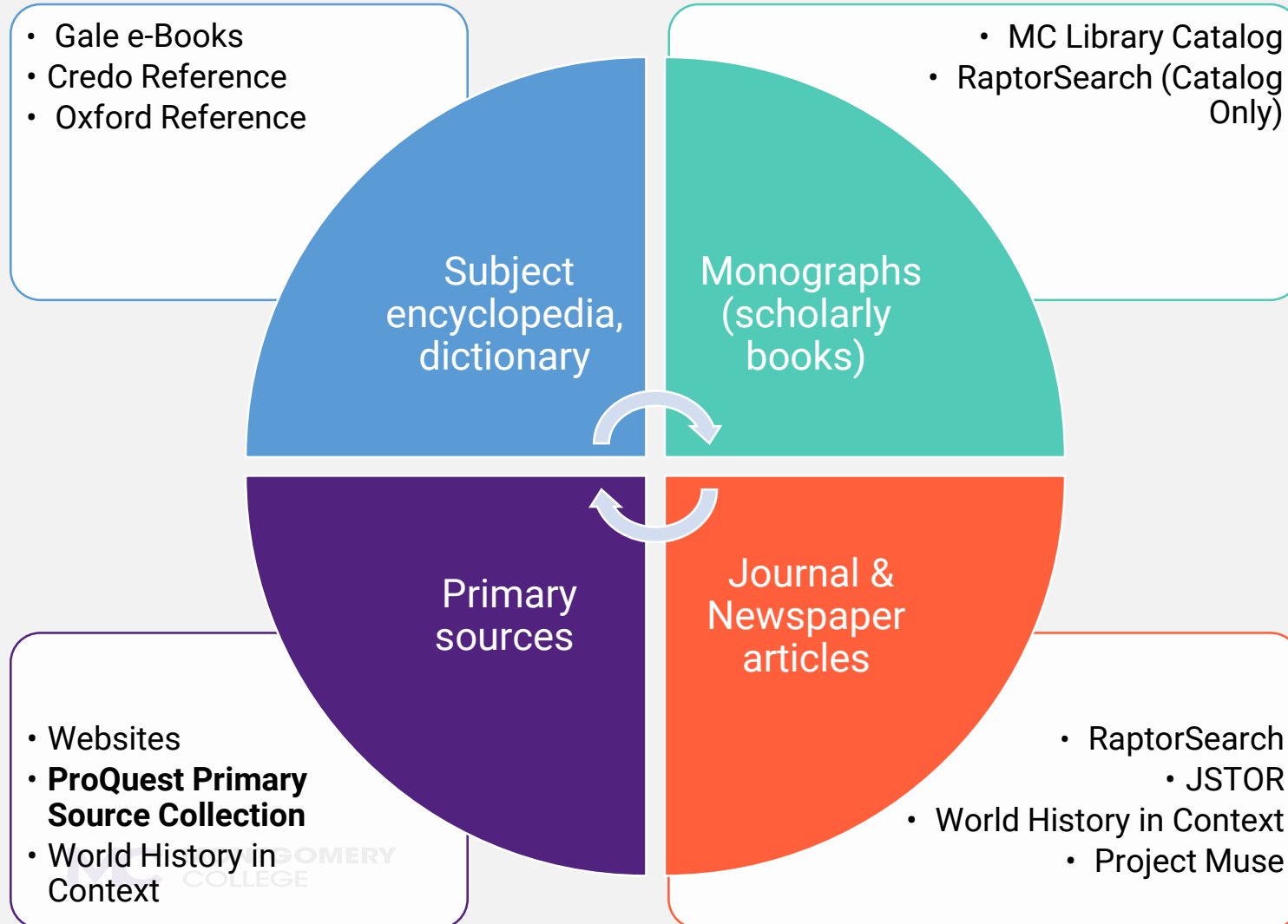
Let's Practice

Hover over the bottom of the shared screen. Click on "Chat"



- Answer this question in the chat: **What questions do you have about locating primary sources?**
- If you're not sure, that's ok! Let me know that, too

Locating the Best Resource



Primary Sources

- Original materials, created during the period being studied
- Just the information or artifact, without commentary or analysis
- Letters, photographs, audio recordings, newsreels, newspaper articles, census records, maps

EXAMPLE:

Music Records: ARTIST ACTIVISM RETURNS TO SPOTLIGHT Terry, Ken Variety (Archive: 1905-2000); Oct 30, 1985; 321, 1; Entertainment Industry Magazine Archive pg. 89



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Any Questions?

Do you have any questions?

Search for Information

Search for Information: Keywords

Take your research question and break it down into the main ideas:

- What effect or societal change did the Jan. 6th insurrection on the U.S. Capitol have on the democratic state?
 - Societal change
 - January 6 and insurrection
 - U.S. or United States
 - Capitol and democratic state
- How did rock and roll music in the 1960s contribute to protest movements U.S.?
 - Rock and roll music
 - 1960s and protest

Search for Information: Keywords (continued)

Turn those ideas into single words or short phrases that the database can match in an article:

Societal Change: cultural transformation, cultural conversion

Insurrection: insurgence, riots, rebellion, civil disobedience

You will combine these words in different ways when you search!

Combine Your Search Terms

Use the word AND between **different ideas** to make your search more specific:

- **Insurrection**
(Too broad! Too many results)
- **U.S. and Insurrection**
(narrower – fewer results; still too broad)
- **U.S. and Insurrection and January 6**
(more specific)

Combine Your Search Terms (continued)

Use the word OR between **similar ideas** to bring alternate search words into a search:

- **insurrection or civil disobedience**
- (insurrection or civil disobedience) and U.S. and January 6
- Use **quotation marks** to search for a phrase
“civil disobedience”

Examine Your Search Results

- Skim the list of titles. Which ones address your research question?
 - Review different types of articles (magazine, newspaper, academic journal) as needed
 - Review when the article was published, and the publication (e.g., New York Times)
- If the article seems relevant and appropriate in relation to your research needs
 - Email it to yourself
 - View/send the formatted citation

Activity:

Your Turn to Search!

Discussion

Any Questions?

Do you have any questions?

Contact Humanities librarians for More Information

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