How to Use: JSTOR

- Alfred C. O’Connell Library –

JSTOR offers a high-quality, interdisciplinary archive of over one thousand leading academic journals across the humanities, social sciences, and sciences, plus select books and other materials valuable for academic work.

PLEASE NOTE that JSTOR IS UNIQUE among GCC’s article databases … HOW? Its contents are generally NOT RECENT, often being at least 3 to 5 years old with some having originated as early as the 19th century. In a subject such as history, older material may be desirable, although that’s not always true. Before using JSTOR, determine any publication date requirements your research assignment may have.

To Start:
1. Go to the library’s homepage at https://www.genesee.edu/library/
2. Click on Databases A-Z
3. Click on JSTOR

JSTOR’s default search mode is ADVANCED SEARCH.

To Search:
1. Start by placing a checkmark in the ARTICLES box. WHY? To obtain only ARTICLES and avoid BOOKS, PAMPHLETS, REVIEWS, RESEARCH REPORTS and MISCELLANEOUS.
2. Select where to search – All fields, Author, Item Title, Abstract (only about 10% of items have an abstract) or Caption (for images) – and select a search connector (AND, OR, NOT) when searching more than one term.
3. Use quotation marks to search a phrase such as “war veterans” or “gattling gun.”
4. The most useful ACCESS TYPE to choose is CONTENT I CAN ACCESS.
5. Enter author name/s as follows: “mary nash” or “james d. fearon.”
6. NARROW a search by discipline (history, philosophy etc.), topic, item type, language, or publication date.
In the years following the Civil War there occurred a series of attempts to bring about the annexation of certain non-contiguous territories to the United States. In one case — that of Alaska — success was attained; but in all the others, after prolonged effort on the part of an active band of expansionists, the stubborn resistance of both houses of Congress proved insurmountable. Yet, in spite of the different outcome, the movement of 1865–71 offers many points of resemblance to

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