Using JSTOR

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What is JSTOR?

**JSTOR** is a digital library of more than 1,900 academic journals, 19,000 books, and 2 million primary sources.

JSTOR is a service of ITHAKA (ithaka.org), a not-for-profit organization that helps the academic community use digital technologies to preserve the scholarly record and to advance research and teaching in sustainable ways.
How does JSTOR work?

Libraries may choose to subscribe to individual archive collections, current journals, and may purchase books from JSTOR.

» All of the content licensed or purchased by a library is cross-searchable on JSTOR.

» Journals, books, and pamphlets on JSTOR are all full-text.

» All the materials on JSTOR are scholarly and academic. Almost all journals are peer-reviewed. However, some journal issues pre-date today's standard peer-review process, and some are literary/primary materials – these would not have gone through a peer review process.
Using JSTOR: Searching
The Basic Search Form

The Basic search form appears on the main page of JSTOR…

and at the right-hand top of other pages within the site.
Basic Search Tips

Try these tips for a more effective Basic search:

» Place words within quotation marks to search for exact phrases:
  - “to be or not to be”
  - “customer relationship management”

» Use Boolean operators to construct a better search:
  - “tea trade” AND smuggling
  - microfinance OR microcredit
  - “united states” NOT “united kingdom”

» Use field codes to search for titles and authors quickly:
  - To search for an article title - ti:”Non-Cooperative Games”
  - To search for an author – au:”Albert Einstein”
Basic Search

Search
"customer relationship management" SEARCH

Search
microfinance OR microcredit SEARCH

Search
au:"Albert Einstein" SEARCH

Test drive our new search

Browse by Subject

- Area Studies (569 titles)
- Arts (1470 titles)
- Business and Economics (1844 titles)
- History (7098 titles)
- Humanities (7315 titles)
- Law (757 titles)
- Medicine and Allied Health (559 titles)
- Science and Mathematics (2613 titles)
- Social Sciences (5929 titles)
The **Advanced Search** form is especially useful when you want to target a search to a type of content or to a specific discipline.

» Construct a more complex query by adding more search fields.
» Use the drop-down boxes to limit search terms to the title, author, abstract, or caption text.
» Use the “Narrow by” options to search only articles, include/exclude book reviews, search for content published during a particular time frame, or in a particular language.
» Focus your search in specific disciplines and titles using checkboxes.
The search results pages offer many features for sorting and reviewing search results.

» Use the tabs at the top of the search results list to filter results to a specific type of content (journals, books, pamphlets).
» Use the sorting options to view search results by relevance, oldest items, or newest items. Use the “Display” option to view more results on a single page.
» By default, all search results are for content licensed or purchased by the host institution. Researchers may choose to see results for all content on JSTOR by changing the “Show” option to “All Content.”

Researchers may access the full-text of an item from the search results page.

» Click on an item title to go directly to the full text of the item.
» Choose “Article PDF” to immediately obtain a copy of the article for downloading.
The “view” page for each item on JSTOR provides many ways to explore the content.

» The “Tools” box includes the option to view and download a PDF, as well as many options for saving and exporting citations.

» For journal articles:
  - The “Summary” link on an article view page provides the abstract (if one was published with the original item) and list of references from the article. Where possible, JSTOR provides links from the references to other articles on JSTOR, and sometimes to off-site content.
  - The right-hand side of the page provides helpful links to related content on JSTOR and to searches for related content on Google Scholar.

» For multi-user books:
  - When reached via a search, the book view page shows links to two of the most relevant chapters at the top of the page.
  - The book view page also contains the table of contents and introductory text snippets for each chapter in the book, as well as an easy “Download Chapter” buttons to obtain PDF copies of chapters.
When following a link to an article view page from a list of search results, the search terms will be highlighted on the page for easy reference.

Check the summary page for abstracts and references.

Download a PDF version of the article and use the tools to manage citations.
A MyJSTOR account is a valuable tool for research on JSTOR. With MyJSTOR you can organize content and manage your profile:

» Save citations: email, export, print, and track citations you've saved.

» Set up journal alerts: receive an email when new issues for your favorite journals are available.

» Change your password, updated your status, and opt in to or out of communications from JSTOR.

It’s easy to register for a free MyJSTOR account.
Log into your MyJSTOR account to access saved citations, table of contents alerts, and manage your profile.
Using JSTOR on a mobile device

JSTOR is mobile-friendly.

» JSTOR uses responsive design to create a consistent and smooth experience across most mobile devices, as well as on laptops and desktops.

» Responsive design enables the JSTOR interface to adapt to the screen size of a device without requiring a separate mobile URL or any device configuration.

» Researchers can go directly to www.jstor.org on a smartphone or tablet and the JSTOR interface will adjust automatically.

» JSTOR’s responsive design is compatible with most newer (within the last few years) mobile devices across many different operating systems.
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JSTOR on a tablet

JSTOR on a smartphone
JSTOR’s “Institution Finder” allows people using JSTOR from a remote location to log in to their library proxy server from the JSTOR site.

» Users locate their institution from a list on the JSTOR website, log in to their library website, and are returned to the page they started on at JSTOR.

» The Institution Finder integrates with Shibboleth, EZProxy, and Innovative Interface's WAM proxy.

» To provide us with your institution's proxy information so that we may include it in the Institution Finder, please contact support@jstor.org.
Off-campus login via “Institution Finder”

Don’t see your institution in the top box? Enter it into the “Search by name” field, or search by country to find it. You’ll be directed to your library’s proxy server to log in, then returned to JSTOR with your full institutional access.