

Introduction to Modern India

History 310

Consider Resources

Primary Resources: diaries, letters, speeches, newspaper articles, documents, photos
Secondary Resources: books, journal articles (scholarly vs. popular), theses, the Web

Check subject guides under: **Research by Subject** → **History**

Find Background Information

Cambridge Encyclopedia of India, Pakistan ... REF DS334.9 .C36 1989t

A Dictionary of Modern Indian History, 1707-1947 REF DS463.M45 1985t

Encyclopedia of India REF DS407 .E62 1992t

Oxford Companion to British History (Online)

Oxford Dictionary of National Biography (Online)

New Cambridge History of India DS436 .N47 (Online via Cambridge Histories Online)

Find Primary Sources

For information about primary sources, go to:

Research by Subject → **Primary Sources**

There is an abundance of primary source material in Stauffer Library. The form will vary from topic to topic. It may be a diary, correspondence, letters, newspaper accounts, a law, a debate in Parliament, editorials, a photo, etc. from the period of study, as well as electronic, microfilm, and printed collections of these documents published at a later date.

1. Use QCAT

Search *QCAT* to find books, government documents and the location of newspaper and journal titles. To find individual newspaper and journal articles, see Indexes below.

A. Search by Subject or Keyword

You can locate items in the library by searching QCAT by doing a Keyword Boolean search and then adding one of the special subject terms to your search: **correspondence, diaries, interviews, pamphlets, personal narratives, sources...**

"sepoy rebellion" and (diaries or "personal narratives")
india and nationalism and sources

Also browse subject headings and look for these special subject terms.

Nationalism--India--History--**Sources**

India--History--British occupation, 1765-1947--**Sources**

Collections of primary sources often have the word **documents** in the title.

(britain or empire) and india and **documents**

Some selections:

British and Foreign State Papers (Online)

Pakistan Movement: Historical Documents DS480.45 .P27 1977

The Selected Works of Mahatma Gandhi DS481 .G3 A17 1968

Selections from the State Papers of the Governors-General of India DS403 .F7

B. Look up Historical Figures, Organizations, and Agencies...

If you know of a person involved in the event or from the time period, look under that person's name as an author (or subject) for memoirs, diaries, and correspondence.

Curzon George

Gandhi M

Look up groups or organizations as an author (or subject). For example: Great Britain. Parliament

2. Use Journal and Newspaper Indexes Covering the Time Period

Newspapers are a good source of primary information. Stauffer Library has a number of newspapers from this time period: *The Times* (London), the *Guardian* (Manchester) and the *Observer* (London).

To find out what newspapers the Library has, search QCAT by newspaper title or search by subject heading, e.g. London England Newspapers.

We have access to the following full text electronic newspapers via the link, Databases.

The Times Digital Archive 1785 - 1985

New York Times 1851 - excluding latest 2 years

Periodicals published at the time are another type of primary source. To locate 19th and 20th century periodical literature, consult the following indexes:

British Periodicals 1680s - 1930s

19th Century Masterfile

Provides indexing to 19th century periodicals, books, newspapers, and government documents. The main index is **Poole's Index to Periodical Literature** (1802-1906).

Periodicals Archive Online

An archive of hundreds of digitised journals published in the arts, humanities and social sciences from 1802 to 1995.

The Wellesley Index to Victorian Periodicals

An invaluable bibliographic reference work of major 19th century British periodicals, published during the years, 1824 to 1900.

Also consider:

Humanities and Social Sciences Index Retrospective: 1907 - 1984 (Online)

Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature: 1900 - present (REF AI3.R2)

PAIS: 1915 - present (Online)

Freely available on the web:

British Newspapers, 1800-1900 newspapers.bl.uk/blcs/

Search 49 local and national titles for bibliographical references. To access full text, you will have to purchase a pass.

Nineteenth-Century Serials Edition (NCSE) www.ncse.ac.uk/index.html

Online edition of six nineteenth-century periodicals and newspapers.

3. Use Government Documents

Publications generated by a government body, public records, reports and statistics are excellent sources of primary materials. Government Documents reference assistance is available Monday to Friday, 2-4 p.m. or by appointment.

Check out the *House of Commons Parliamentary Papers* via Databases as well as the guide, *United Kingdom Parliamentary Documents*: <http://library.queensu.ca/webdoc/gov/uklegislative.htm>. Also check out the following electronic resource, [British and Foreign State Papers](#). Access is via QCAT.

4. Search the Center for Research Libraries

For information about CRL and to borrow resources go to:

Research by Subject → Center for Research Libraries

This rich resource holds over 4 million books, journals, newspapers and other primary source materials from all over the world.

Check out the topical guides that CRL has produced on *Great Britain* and *South Asian Studies*. To find these guides, go to the Collections tab and click on Topic Guides.

In one of their FOCUS issues, CRL has gathered in one place "[Some Sources on Early Colonial South Asia](#)". You can access the FOCUS issues by going to the main page at: www.crl.edu/focus/ and searching either by issue or article.

CRL has also published a guide on the [Resources for the Indian Uprising of 1857](#).

5. Search the Web

Search the web for primary source collections:

"primary sources" "indian mutiny" site:edu [search using Google]

"primary sources" gandhi site:ac.uk

Primary source materials and related websites can be freely reached on the web as well as the links below that lead you to websites for which the library pays.

Access the Following via Databases:

British and Irish Women's Letters and Diaries

Includes approximately 100,000 pages of published letters and diaries from individuals writing from 1500 to 1950.

Empire Online

Contains several thousand searchable scanned images of original documents relating to colonial history, politics, culture and society, c1492-2007.

India, Raj and Empire

A Manuscript collection dating from 1710 - 1937, which documents the relationship between Britain and India.

A Selection of Freely Available Websites:

Digital Colonial Documents (India) Homepage www.chaf.lib.latrobe.edu.au/dcd/default.htm

Digital South Asia Library dsal.uchicago.edu/

Internet History Sourcebooks Project www.fordham.edu/halsall/

A collection of primary source documents from ancient to modern times, such as:

Internet Indian History Sourcebook www.fordham.edu/halsall/india/indiasbook.html

Internet Modern History Sourcebook www.fordham.edu/halsall/mod/modsbook.html

Imperialism: www.fordham.edu/halsall/mod/modsbook34.html

Victorian Web www.victorianweb.org

British Empire www.victorianweb.org/history/empire/india/

Information about contemporary and historical South Asia including full-text documents, statistics, maps, photographs. India is well represented in this collection.

SARAI: South Asia Resource Access on the Internet

www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/indiv/southasia/cuvl/

Subject Guide on South Asia guides.lib.umich.edu/southasia

Voice of the Shuttle: History vos.ucsb.edu/browse.asp?id=2713

India and Pakistan vos.ucsb.edu/browse.asp?id=1396

Find Secondary Sources

1. Books

To find books on your topic in QCAT, think of the words that best describe your topic and then connect them with Boolean operators: **AND**, **OR**, **NOT**.

For a selection of books on the 1857 Indian Mutiny, try this:

india? **and** mutiny

Select useful titles and look at the subject headings assigned. Use the subject headings to provide more keyword ideas or as individual searches themselves.

(india? **or** sepoy) **and** (mutiny **or** rebellion)

Search by Subject

Other useful subject headings for an overview of the historical period include:

Great Britain--History--19 th century	India--Politics and government--1765-1947
Great Britain--Colonies--India	India--Politics and government--1857-1919
Nationalism--India--History	India--Politics and government--1919-1947
India--History--British occupation, 1765-1947	India--History--Sepoy Rebellion, 1857-1858
India--History--Partition, 1947	Women--Legal status laws etc--India
India--Economic conditions--20 th century	Women's rights--India--History

2. E-Books

The library subscribes to a number of e-book packages. Packages that are of interest to history students are: *ACLS Humanities E-Book*, *Canadian Electronic Library*, *MyiLibrary*, *Blackwell Reference Online*, *Cambridge Histories Online*, and *e-Duke Books Scholarly Collection* (via ebrary).

Records for some of these e-books are in QCAT but one should directly go to these e-books packages and search them. Access is via Databases.

3. Articles

Use the following electronic journal databases to find scholarly articles:

- *Historical Abstracts*: 1954 - present
- *Bibliography of Asian Studies*: 1971 - present
- *Bibliography of British and Irish History*: 55BC - present

Also Useful: *Humanities and Social Sciences Index Retrospective*: 1907 - 1984
ATLA Religion Database: 1949 - present
Academic Search Complete: 1865 - present

To search indexes, click the tab **Databases** and enter title of the database.

Search Historical Abstracts

Historical Abstracts covers the history of the world from 1450 to the present. It indexes articles from approximately 2000 journals, selected books and dissertations.

Search: indian mutiny
Modify search: sepoy rebellion or indian mutiny

To find out if Queen's subscribes to the journal, click **Get It! @ Queen's**.

Queen's Library subscribes to about 90,000 full text e-journals via various publishers' packages. Search QCAT or Journals A to Z to find specific titles.

One collection that is of particular interest to history students is **JSTOR**, a digitized collection of articles from key periodicals (about 240 history titles are indexed), excluding the most current 2 to 5 years of a title. Access via the tab, Databases.

The following titles are a selection of journals that you may find useful:

[English Historical Review](#)
[Historian](#)
[Historical Journal](#)
[International History Review](#)
[Journal of British Studies](#)
[Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History](#)
[Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History](#)
[Nineteenth-Century Studies](#)
[Slavery and Abolition](#)
[Victorian Literature and Culture](#)
[Victorian Studies](#)

TIP: Use secondary literature for leads on primary sources.

4. Summon

Summon is the Library search engine that helps you discover information on any topic from the Queen's Library collections. It searches books, journals, newspapers and provides you with several ways to narrow your search results.

Summon is good for broad, initial searches but it is not totally comprehensive. If you are doing higher level research, you will want to search relevant subject specific databases.

Search Other Library Catalogues

If you don't find what you need in QCAT and Summon, try searching other library catalogues, using **WorldCat**. WorldCat is a database of library catalogues around the world. It can help you identify materials in other libraries, which you may then request through Interlibrary Loan. To access, click on **Find Information** and then on **Other Library Catalogues**.

Request an Interlibrary Loan

Use interlibrary loan (ILL) to obtain loans or copies of items that Queen's libraries do not own. Click **RACER** on the library home page. For more information, consult the brochure: [RACER, Our Interlibrary Loan System](#).

Search the Web

Check our Search the Web guide at: library.queensu.ca/research/guide/search-web



www.google.ca/advanced_search?hl=en

...offers a variety of ways to structure a more precise search and to improve the efficiency of your search results.



books.google.ca/

...searches for books on your topic. In many cases, a limited preview of the book is available - you can then search QCAT, the library catalogue to see if Queen's owns a copy. In other instances, the complete book is available in digital form from Google Books.



scholar.google.ca/

... searches for scholarly materials including journal articles, theses, books, preprints, abstracts and technical reports from broad areas of research.

... searches a variety of academic publishers, professional societies, preprint repositories and universities, as well as scholarly articles available across the web.

TIP: By searching Google Scholar through the Queen's Library website the "Get It! @ Queen's" citation linker is activated (which allows you to click through to the Library's subscriptions). To import citations into RefWorks choose **Scholar Preferences**, then **Bibliography Manager**. Select RefWorks. Save Preferences.

Evaluate Websites

Anyone can create a webpage so it is particularly important to analyze and assess information that you find on the Web before using it in a research paper. Go to our *Evaluating Web Sources* page for a checklist of points to consider when analyzing a web page:

How-to & Help → How-To Guides → Finding...Web → Web: Evaluate

Cite Sources

Check our **Citation and Style Guides** page at: [How-to & Help](#) → [How to Cite Sources](#)



Chicago is the preferred style of documentation in history. Check QCAT for print copies in the library system.

Since there are many different citation styles, always check with your instructors to determine which style is expected for your courses.

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