

How to Use: *JSTOR*

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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](https://www.genesee.edu/library/) at <https://www.genesee.edu/library/>
2. Click on [Databases A-Z](#)
3. Click on **JSTOR**

JSTOR's default search mode is **ADVANCED SEARCH**.

The screenshot shows the JSTOR Advanced Search interface. At the top, it says "Advanced Search" with links for "View tutorial" and "Search Help". There are two search input boxes, each with a dropdown menu set to "All fields". Between the boxes is a dropdown menu set to "AND". Below the first box is a button that says "Add a search box". Underneath is a section titled "Select an access type" with a dropdown menu set to "Content I can access". At the bottom of this section is a "Search" button. Below the search section is a "Narrow By:" section with a horizontal line. Underneath this line is the "Item Type" section, which contains six checkboxes: "Articles", "Research Reports", "Reviews", "Pamphlets", "Books", and "Miscellaneous".

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.

Search Results Example

The screenshot shows the JSTOR search results interface. At the top left is the JSTOR logo. A search bar contains the query: "(ti:"civil war" OR tb:"civil war") AND (states expans". To the right of the search bar are links for "Login to My Account" and "Register". Below the search bar are "Advanced Search" and "Browse" dropdown menus, and "About" and "Support" links. The main content area displays "Showing 1-25 of 196 search results". On the left, there is a "Refine Results" sidebar with sections for "Search Within Results:", "Content Type:" (with a radio button for "Journals (196)"), and "Publication Date:" (with "From" and "To" input fields). The search results list includes a "JOURNAL ARTICLE" titled "Expansion after the Civil War, 1865-71" by Theodore Clarke Smith, published in *Political Science Quarterly*, Vol. 16, No. 3 (Sep., 1901), pp. 412-436. A "FREE" label is present next to the article. To the right of the article are buttons for "Download PDF", "Add to My Lists", and "Cite this Item". Below the article title are "Topics" including Treaties, Annexation, Legislatures, Political debate, War, Senators, Voting, United States Senate, Territories, and Destiny.

Selected Result Item Example

The screenshot shows the full article page on JSTOR. At the top left is the JSTOR logo. A search bar contains "Search JSTOR". To the right of the search bar are "All Content" and "Log in" and "Register" links. Below the search bar are "Advanced Search", "Browse", and "Tools" dropdown menus, and "About" and "Support" links. The main content area displays the article title "Expansion after the Civil War, 1865-71" by Theodore Clarke Smith. Below the title is a thumbnail of the journal cover and a brief description: "Political Science Quarterly Vol. 16, No. 3 (Sep., 1901), pp. 412-436 (25 pages). Published by: The Academy of Political Science". To the right of the article title are buttons for "Share", "Save", and "Download PDF". Below the article title are "Previous Item" and "Next Item" links. The article text is displayed in a large font, starting with "EXPANSION AFTER THE CIVIL WAR, 1865-71. I. 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". At the bottom left of the article page are the DOI: 10.2307/2140255 and the URL: https://www.jstor.org/stable/2140255. Below the article text are "Topics" including Treaties, Annexation, Political debate, Senators, Voting, War, United States Senate, Territories, Legislatures, and Destiny. A "Give feedback" link is also present.

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