

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

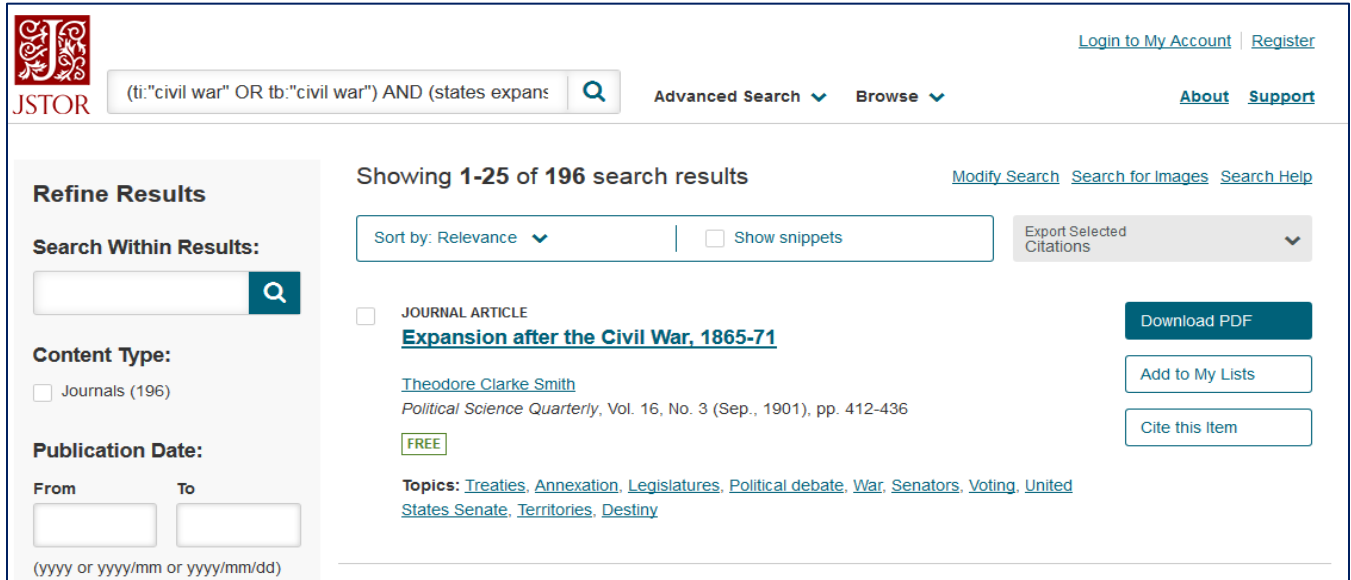
JSTOR's default search mode is **ADVANCED SEARCH**.

The screenshot shows the JSTOR Advanced Search interface. At the top, it says "Advanced Search" with links for "View tutorial" and "Search Help". Below this is a search input field and a dropdown menu set to "All fields". A second search input field is preceded by a dropdown menu set to "AND", and it also has a "All fields" dropdown. A button labeled "Add a search box" is located below the second input field. Underneath is a section titled "Select an access type" with a dropdown menu set to "Content I can access". A "Search" button is positioned below the access type dropdown. At the bottom, there is a "Narrow By:" section with a horizontal line above it. Under "Narrow By:", there is a sub-section titled "Item Type" with 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.

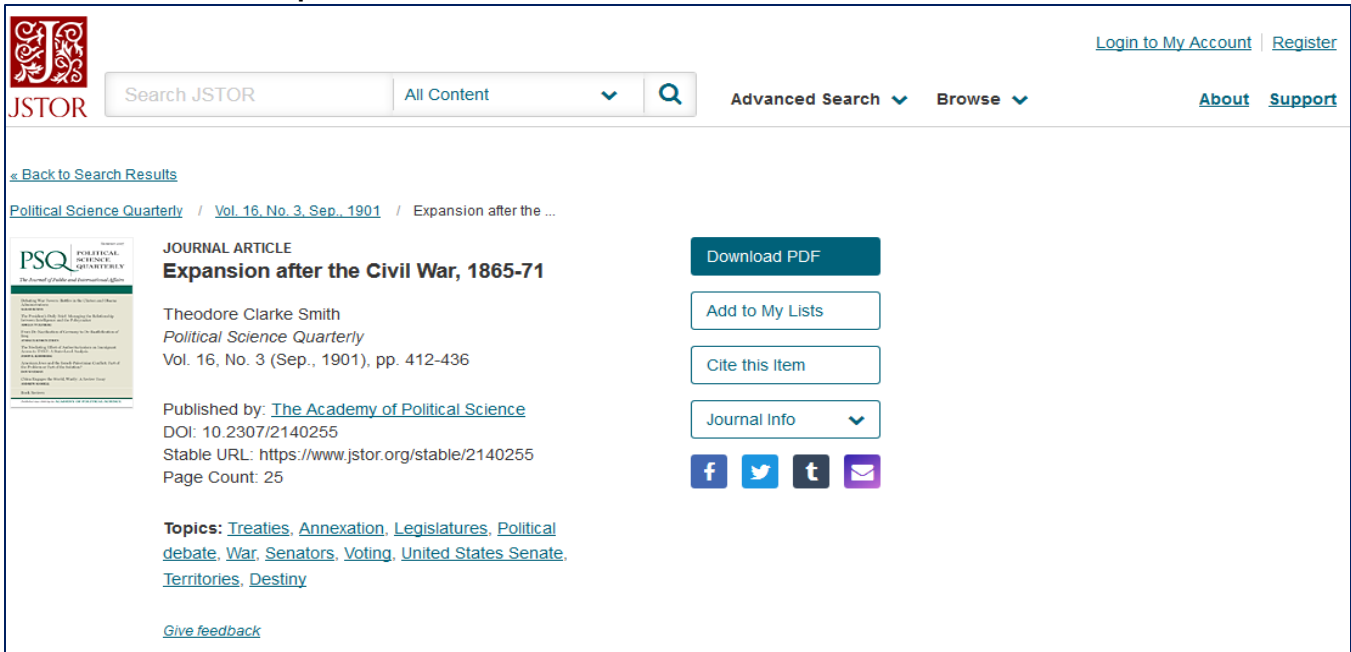
## Search Results Example



The screenshot shows the JSTOR search results interface. At the top left is the JSTOR logo. To its right is a search bar containing the query "(ti:"civil war" OR tb:"civil war") AND (states expans". Below the search bar are links for "Advanced Search" and "Browse". On the far right, there are links for "Login to My Account" and "Register". Below the search bar, there are links for "About" and "Support".

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 main results area shows a single result: "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. Below the title are links for "Download PDF", "Add to My Lists", and "Cite this Item". A "Topics" section lists: [Treaties](#), [Annexation](#), [Legislatures](#), [Political debate](#), [War](#), [Senators](#), [Voting](#), [United States Senate](#), [Territories](#), and [Destiny](#).

## Selected Result Item Example



The screenshot shows the JSTOR selected result item page for the article "Expansion after the Civil War, 1865-71". At the top left is the JSTOR logo. To its right is a search bar with "Search JSTOR" and a dropdown menu set to "All Content". Below the search bar are links for "Advanced Search" and "Browse". On the far right, there are links for "Login to My Account" and "Register". Below the search bar, there are links for "About" and "Support".

The main content area displays the article details. On the left, there is a thumbnail of the journal cover. The main text area shows the article title "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. Below the title are links for "Download PDF", "Add to My Lists", "Cite this Item", and "Journal Info". A "Topics" section lists: [Treaties](#), [Annexation](#), [Legislatures](#), [Political debate](#), [War](#), [Senators](#), [Voting](#), [United States Senate](#), [Territories](#), and [Destiny](#). At the bottom, there is a "Give feedback" link.

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