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Scholarly Research...

(following the breadcrumb trail!)

1. Using MORRIS to find resources
2. Finding articles on a topic
3. ...and (if we have time) cited reference searching

Questions?

any time during the session!



Exploring the library homepage

<http://library.mcmaster.ca>



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Following the breadcrumb trail...

- 1 Find the article
- 1 check out the bibliography/references
- 1 search for other articles by the same author
- 1 search for other articles on the same topic



Following the breadcrumb trail...

So, how do you find other articles by the same author/on the same topic?

Databases - What are they?

- ⌊ locate articles by subject, author, etc.
- ⌊ “what exists” but not necessarily “what’s in the library”
- ⌊ some have
 - **full text** of the articles
 - **citations** (references) only
 - **abstracts** (summaries) of articles

Databases for 2K03

- 1 *EconLit* (Economics)
- 1 *America History & Life* (History)

Connecting to Databases

- 1 start at the Library home page (<http://library.mcmaster.ca>):
 - Click on the *Databases* tab and type the name of the database

- 1 authentication required?
 - from library, MacConnect, technology centre, home: **yes!** -- MAC ID (or LibAccess)
 - from residence: **no!**



Challenge!

Find other articles by K.H. Norrie
(3 minutes)

*Find other articles on the topic of
prairie settlement in Canada*
(3 minutes)




Searching Databases: Skills & Tips

*OR,
databases don't work
the same way as
Google!*

Searching Databases: Skills & Tips

- 1 break your topic into parts or keywords
 - prairie settlement
 - canada
- 1 use * for alternate endings
 - canad*
- 1 use and/or
 - prairie settlement and canad*

Do We Have Access to the Article?

- 1 click  get it! ...to see whether the library has an online or paper **subscription** to the journal
- 1 we may have:
 - one or more **online** subscriptions (e.g. #1)
 - one or more **paper** subscriptions (e.g. #3)
 - or **both**, or **neither**

What if Get It! doesn't work?

- 1 if Get It! doesn't appear, or doesn't work:
 - open another browser
 - go to [MORRIS](#)
 - and do a **Journal Title** search
- 1 what would you type in the MORRIS search box if you were looking for #1 that way?
- 1 how would you find article #1 on the shelf?



What if we don't have it?

- 1 [RACER](#)
- 1 inter-library loans
- 1 articles & books: free
- 1 7-10 day delivery (average)

Social Sciences Citation Index

- ⌊ quick run through
- ⌊ follow instructions on [handouts](#)
- ⌊ problems? questions?

Review

1. find your article using MORRIS
2. search *EconLit* & *America History & Life* (author & topic)
3. *Social Sciences Citation Index* for cited reference searching
4. Mills home page > Class Guides
 - 1 for copies of the handout & presentation

Questions?

Need Help? Just Ask!

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Good Luck with your Essays!

