Info Lit @ Mac
Economics 2K03
Canadian Economic History

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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


Following the breadcrumb trail...

1. Find the article
2. Check out the bibliography/references
3. Search for other articles by the same author
4. 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?

1. locate articles by subject, author, etc.
2. “what exists” but not necessarily “what’s in the library”
3. some have
   - full text of the articles
   - citations (references) only
   - abstracts (summaries) of articles
Databases for 2K03

1. *EconLit* (Economics)
2. *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

2. 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

2. use * for alternate endings
   - canad*

3. 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
2. Inter-library loans
3. Articles & books: free
4. 7-10 day delivery (average)
Social Sciences Citation Index

1 quick run through
1 follow instructions on handouts
1 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
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Good Luck with your Essays!