**Library Research Guide for ENAM 358: Science, Identity and American Literature**  
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**HELPFUL URLS**

Library Home Page: [http://www.lib.virginia.edu](http://www.lib.virginia.edu)  
English Subject Guide: [http://www.lib.virginia.edu/subjects/English](http://www.lib.virginia.edu/subjects/English)  

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**VIRGO (The Online Library Catalog):** [http://virgo.lib.virginia.edu](http://virgo.lib.virginia.edu)

- Find out what the library owns, including books, journal titles, manuscript titles & audio/visual materials.
- Renew materials, place a recall, request a purchase or an interlibrary loan.

**Sample searches:**  
- *beecher catherine* [author]  
- *‘democracy in america’*[title]  
- *science in literature*[subject]  
- *technology united states history 19th century*[keywords in subject]

**Truncation:**  
- *scien$* for science, scientist, scientific, etc.

**Booleans:**  
- *daguerrotype or photograph*  
- *(scien$ or techno$) and ‘american literature’*

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**Indexes for Finding Scholarly Journal Articles**

**MLA International Bibliography (MLAIB):** The best resource for finding scholarly journal articles. Contains articles written from 1963 to the present. To get the full text of the article, click on “Find article @ UVa Libraries”, or look up the journal title in VIRGO.

**Sample search:** Click on Subject Guide in the lefthand column to search by subject. Type *Hawthorne and scien* in the search box, and check off the box that limits the search to refereed publications. Returns 16 citations.

**Annual Bibliography of English Language and Literature (ABELL):** Indexes book chapters, book reviews, essay collections, and dissertations as well as scholarly journal articles. Its articles date back to 1920. A good supplement to the MLAIB. Use the Find@UVa button to locate the full text.

**Sample search:** Click on Search and type "rebecca harding davis" and "iron mills" in the keywords field. Returns 13 citations.
**COMPREHENSIVE LITERATURE DATABASES**

**Literature Resource Center**: A great place to begin research on a particular author. This database includes full-text articles from the Dictionary of Literary Biography and other biographical and critical compilations about authors, along with MLAIB citations and some full-text articles.

*Sample search:* Search for Catharine Beecher. Click on the tabs near the top of the screen to view results in different categories – in this case, 2 biographies, 4 19th-century reviews, 20 citations from the MLAIB, etc.

**Literature Online (LION)**: The "Criticism and Reference" search includes ABELL citations and references from articles and books. Many cited journals are available in full text. LION also includes the full text of many pre-20th century American and British literary texts.

*Sample search:* Search for Rebecca Harding Davis. Results include links to 12 online texts by the author, 93 article citations, and 1 biographical essay.

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**HISTORICAL NEWSPAPERS AND JOURNALS**

**Periodicals Index Online**: A great resource for finding older articles, Periodicals Index Online indexes the contents of thousands of scholarly journals in the humanities and social sciences. All journals are indexed back to their date of inception, as far back as the late 18th century in some cases. Many full-text articles are available via links to a companion database, Periodicals Archive Online.

*Sample search:* Click on Article Search. Type stereograph in the keyword box and select 1830 to 1870 as the years of publication. Returns 33 citations, including a citation for “The Stereoscope and the Stereograph” by Holmes. Go back to the search page, and check the box that says “Search citations with linked full text only”. Returns 8 articles.

**ProQuest Historical Newspapers**: A searchable archive of four major US newspapers, dating back to their initial date of publication. The New York Times (1851-1999) is the oldest.

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**OTHER REFERENCE SOURCES**

**Digital Dissertations**: Indexes dissertations from 1861 to the present. Abstracts are available from 1980 onward, and dissertations published since 1997 are available in their entirety as PDF files.

**Oxford English Dictionary (3rd ed.)**: The electronic OED is updated quarterly and features both simple and advanced search interfaces.

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