

Historical Abstracts is one of the most important bibliographical databases for history. It indexes journal publications since 1954 on the history of the world from 1450 to the present (excluding the United States and Canada, which are covered in *America: History and Life* – see the EBSCO handout). As well as journal articles, it includes dissertations and some book reviews.

Connecting to Historical Abstracts and searching

1. Go to SOLO (<http://solo.bodleian.ox.ac.uk>) and search for Historical Abstracts. Once you have found the online version click **Online access** to connect. Alternatively, go to Databases A-Z (<https://libguides.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/az.php>) and search for 'Historical Abstracts'.

2. Look at the search terms that you came up with in the 'Building a search' exercise earlier and work out how you use the terms you identified in Historical Abstracts.

- What key concepts did you identify in the 'Building a search exercise'?

In Historical Abstracts it is easiest to put each distinct concept on a separate line in the search form, e.g. in the example below the key concepts are catholic, priest and England.

- If you identified synonyms or alternatives words for your search terms enter these on the same line in the search form and add OR in between them, e.g. priest OR clergy.

- To find alternative word endings use * e.g. Catholic* finds Catholic, Catholics, Catholicism.

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catholic*	SU Subject Terms
AND ▼ priest* OR clergy	SU Subject Terms
AND ▼ England	SU Subject Terms

- You can limit your search to a particular historical period or date range (e.g. 1558-1603 for the Elizabethan period) using the Historical Period options towards the bottom of the screen on the right.

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Basic Search Advanced Search Search History

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Apply related words

Limit your results

Linked Full Text

References Available

Peer Reviewed

Historical Period

Year: 1558

c.e. (AD) to Year: 1603

c.e. (AD) example: 400 b.c.e. to 200 c.e.

Historical period options

Working with your results

3. Once you have found an article that interests you:
 - Click on the title to see more information including an abstract.
 - **Email** the article to yourself or **export** it to a reference management package such as EndNote or RefWorks using the options on the right hand side of the screen.

Note, to email or export several items at once - for each item in the results screen, click the blue folder button (on the right), then choose **Go to Folder view** (also on the right).

Connecting to full text

4. Connect to the full text of the article by clicking 'Find it @ Oxford'. When you click 'Find it @ Oxford' you will see a pop up window (illustrated below) listing:

- 'Find full text available via': provides links to databases which have the full text of the article. Click on the link to connect. Once connected you may be taken directly to the article. However, in some cases you will be taken to the database home page. If this happens, you will need to browse to find the article (by choosing a year, volume, issue number) or search by entering the author/title.
- 'Check SOLO': allows you to search for a printed copy of the article in Oxford Libraries

The screenshot shows a pop-up window with the following content:

- Full Text:**
 - Full text available via [Wiley Online Library 2009 Full Collection](#)
 - Full text available via [Wiley Online Library 2012 Full Collection](#)
- Print holdings**
 - Check [SOLO](#)

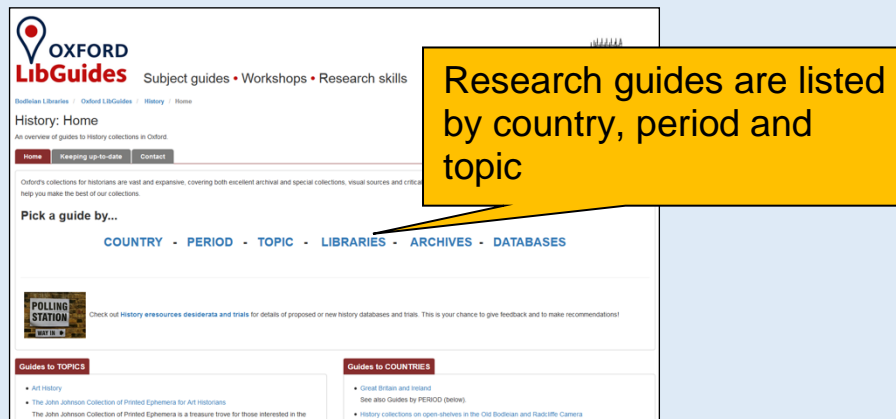
Two yellow callout boxes provide additional instructions:

- A callout box pointing to the 'Full Text' links says: "Databases holding the full text of the article. Click on the link to connect."
- A callout box pointing to the 'Check SOLO' link says: "Check SOLO for printed copies in Oxford"

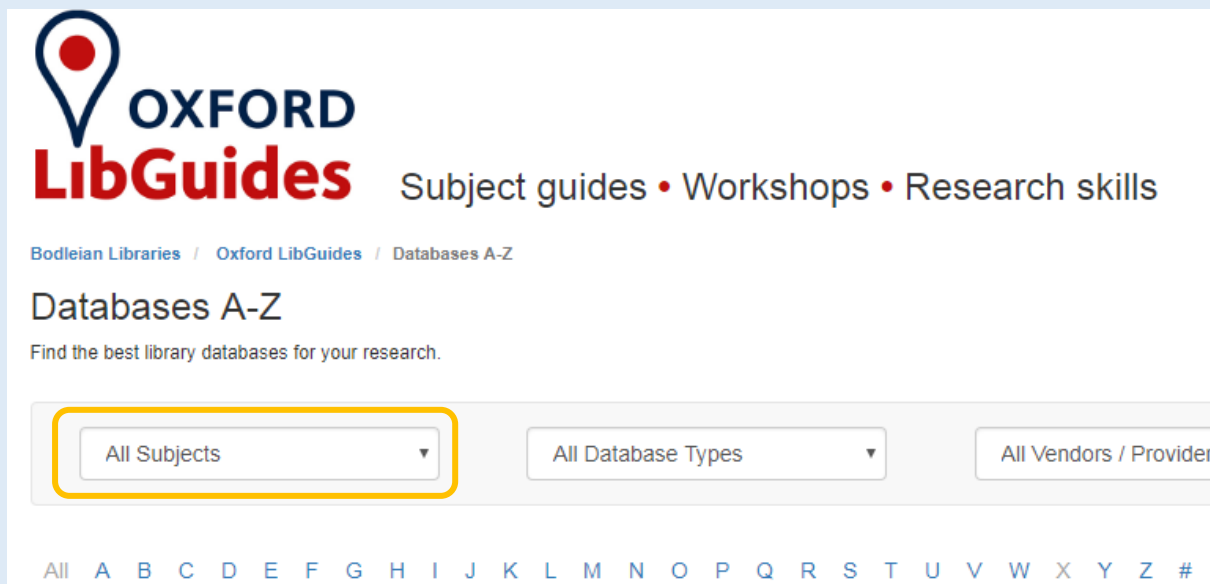
Finding more databases for your subject

5. Find the recommendations for your subject on LibGuides.
- Go to <http://libguides.bodleian.ox.ac.uk> and choose **Subjects A-Z** followed by **History**.

- You will be taken to a directory of research guides organised by country, period or topic. Choose a research guide which is appropriate to your research.



6. You can also find database recommendations on Databases A-Z.
 - a. Connect to Databases A-Z at <https://libguides.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/az.php>.
 - b. Choose your subject from the subject drop down menu.



- c. Once you have chosen a subject, you will then see a full list of databases in your chosen subject.