~ DRAMA 203.3: History of Theatre from 600 B.C. to 1850 ~

LIBRARY RESEARCH HELP

LIBRARY WEBSITE: [http://library.usask.ca/](http://library.usask.ca/)

DRAMA Library Research Guide: [http://libguides.usask.ca/drama](http://libguides.usask.ca/drama)

The Research Guide contains information and links to licensed and open-access electronic and print resources including: journal articles, books, theses, archives, encyclopedias, videos/DVDs, images, citation and research paper help, notable open-access websites, and more.

1. GETTING STARTED: [Browse the Library’s website](http://library.usask.ca/) in order to become familiar with the Library’s services. The Library’s website is the key to most of our resources. On the homepage see especially:

   - Quick Links for... Undergraduate Students – on the Library home page
   - University Library -- How Do I? -- on the Library home page,

2. USING USearch -- And WHAT IS USearch? USearch is a “meta” search engine that provides credible, relevance-ranked results from the Library’s online and print collections in a single search. Results may include: scholarly journal articles; print books and ebooks; newspaper articles; theses and dissertations; government publications; CDs and DVDs; digitized materials, including local digitized collections; conference proceedings; images; music scores; etc. Search results will vary, but results often have large numbers of “hits.” For more controlled search results:

   - Try the Advanced Search to limit your results;
   - Or search our Catalogue and our Databases separately, see directly below.

3. FINDING BOOKS THROUGH THE LIBRARY CATALOGUE: From the Library’s homepage, OR from the Drama Library Subject Page search the CATALOGUE to find pertinent books—and also chapters within books, and a range of other materials in the Library’s collections. The CATALOGUE is a database of all the books, journal and magazine holdings [note: but not of individual articles within magazine or journals—see below to search for articles in databases], newspapers, government publications, videos and other materials in all formats within the Library’s collections and available both on-site and/or electronically.
CATALOGUE SEARCHING TIPS:

- If you know the topic you want to search, but aren’t sure of titles or authors, begin with a WORD search. You can search one word or combine words linking them with “and”.
- Don’t forget to truncate with an asterisk -- * -- to expand the search possibilities.
  - **Note that you choose the word or words in a Word search.** If a word does not produce many results, chose another word.
- After a successful WORD search do one or more SUBJECT searches based on your best word search results.
  - **Note that Subject Searches use prescribed Library of Congress Subject Headings.**
- For further help on searching for materials in the Library’s Catalogue click on: “How do I…?” on the Library’s website main page -- and at the top of every page in the Library Website – or ask for help.

4. FINDING JOURNAL ARTICLES through the Drama Research Guide: From the Library’s homepage, start at ARTICLES and DATABASES and then go to the “Research Guides” page.

The Research Guides can also be found from the Library’s homepage at University Library / Find Resources

- Search for journal articles, chapters in books, theses, books, reports, web sites and more through databases

DATABASE SEARCHING TIPS:

- Base database search strategies on your successful searching in the Library’s Catalogue.
- After WORD searches, narrow by SUBJECT or other appropriate limiters.
- Use the HELP sections in the individual databases.
- For further help on searching for materials in the Library’s Databases, click on: “How do I…?” in the HELP section of the Library’s Website main page -- and at the top of every page in the Library Website – or ask for help as noted below.

LIBRARY DATABASES USEFUL FOR RESEARCH IN THEATRE HISTORY:

MAJOR INTERDISCIPLINARY RESOURCE:
- **Academic Search Premiere** – includes articles primarily in English, from on humanities and social sciences subjects from ancient to modern times.

MAJOR THEATRE HISTORY RESOURCE:
- **International Bibliography of Theatre & Dance with Full Text** – contains all of the content available in International Bibliography of Theatre & Dance as well as full text for more than 50 books & monographs, and 100 journals, including Canadian Theatre Review, Dance Chronicle, Dance Teacher, Modern Drama, PAJ: A Journal of Performance and Art, Research in Dance Education, Research in Drama Education, Studies in Theatre and Performance, TDR: The Drama Review, Theater, and many more. --

MAJOR RESOURCES FOR THE CLASSICAL PERIOD:
- **Tables of Contents of Journals of Interest to Classicists (TOCS-IN)** TOCS-IN provides the table of contents of a selection of about 185 Classics, near Eastern Studies, and Religion journals, both in
text format and through a Web search program. Where possible, links are given with articles of which the full text or an abstract is available online.

- **L'Année Philologique (APh) -- 1949 – present.** Bibliographic database covering classical studies and related topics. It indexes and includes abstracts for articles in over 1,500 periodicals as well as 500 articles in collections and conference papers. **ACCESS NOTE:** Pop-ups must be enabled for this site.

**MAJOR RESOURCE FOR THE MEDIEVAL PERIOD:**
- **International Medieval Bibliography (IMB Online):** An index to articles in "periodicals (journals) and in miscellany volumes (conference proceedings, collected essays, Festschriften and exhibition catalogues) published world-wide. All subjects relating to the Middle Ages are included, within the date range 300-1500 AD. **Access Note:** Use the FindIt! button to locate holdings the library may have. Other links embedded in the record are to resources the library does not currently license.

**MAJOR RESOURCE FOR THE RENAISSANCE AND MODERN PERIOD:**
- **Historical Abstracts with Full Text (HA) -- Comprehensive full text database of the literature covering the history of the world (excluding Canada and the U.S) from 1450 to the present. HA provides selective indexing of historical articles from more than 1,800 journals in over 40 languages back to 1955, and access to the full text of more than 316 journals and more than 138 books.

5. **Becoming knowledgeable about JOURNALS in the area of THEATRE HISTORY:**
- Journal articles in all formats are most commonly found by searching through our databases. Use those recommended above.
- Should you wish to search for journals in or accessible through the Library, in any format, do a WORD search the Catalogue on “drama” or “theater” and limit the search to “All Journal Titles. OR do a SUBJECT search on the term “theater periodicals” (120+ entries) and also “drama periodicals (26+ entries). Searches can also take into account place and/or century
- Or, if you know the title, of course search the title directly.
- To search for E-Journals exclusively, use the E-Journals tab on the Library website main page.
  - For the most comprehensive result search on the term “theatre” (217+ entries).
  - A few e-titles of possible interest include:
    - Early theatre
    - Ludus: medieval and early Renaissance theatre and drama
    - Medieval English theatre
- The International Bibliography of Theatre & Dance with Full Text lists the publications which it indexes; the list can be searched by subject (such as the term “medieval”).

6. **FINDING ENCYCLOPEDIAS ON DRAMA, PLAYS, AND THEATRE:**
This is a small selection of materials available both online and in print.


- **The Oxford companion to the theatre.** Oxford University Press, 2010. Available online through the Catalogue, and in Murray Library Reference at: PN2035.H33 1983

7. FINDING IMAGES, VIDEOS AND OTHER MEDIA:

Available at the IMAGES TAB on the Drama Research Guide:

- **Art Museum Image Gallery** -- A digital resource of more than 155,000 “art images and related multimedia gathered from the collections of distinguished museums around the world”, and covering art from 3000 BC to the present.

- **ARTstor** -- A non-profit repository of more than one million digital images and associated catalog data from contributing museums, photographers, libraries, scholars, photo archives, and artists and artists’ estates. The images document the fields of architecture, painting, sculpture, photography, decorative arts, and design, as well as many other forms of visual culture. There are over 150 collections covering the arts, architecture, humanities, and social sciences.

Available at the VIDEOS TAB on the Drama Research Guide:

- **Films on Demand: Master Academic Collection** -- A streaming video collection of thousands of high quality digital and video clips. Under the subject of English & Language Arts there is a section titled “Drama & Theater” which holds 80 titles on classical through 19th century drama.

- **Theatre in Video** -- Collection of more than 250 plays and more than 100 video documentaries in English in streaming video.

Available at the COSTUMES TAB on the Drama Research Guide:

- Information on historic costumes and costuming, specifically the Library’s book series: **Guilford Library of Historic Costume** (400+ titles).

OR—Search the Catalogue by WORD or SUBJECT and then limit to “Audio Visual Collection” – some examples are:

  - amphitheaters (truncate to amphitheat*) and Rome
  - medieval and theater (truncate to theat*)
  - commedia dell’arte

8. Final Suggestion: Just ASK when you need help!

- Note the “Ask US” at the top of every Library page, which links to: [http://library.usask.ca/askus/](http://library.usask.ca/askus/)

  - Help is available at the Reference Desk during Murray Library opening hours, through instant messaging “chat” or through email, phone or in-person consultation with the Librarian.