This assignment is designed to lead you through the basic steps in researching a historical subject. You will discover the amazing research tools available at our library. Answer the questions according to the topic you came up with during your library session.

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Part 1: Reference Collection

1. Find one entry in a print encyclopedia or other text from the Reference Collection at Sojourner Truth Library that is related to your topic.

Name of book:  
Editor of book:  
Author of entry:  
Title of entry:  
Page numbers:  
Date of publication:  
Publisher:  
Location of Publisher:  

Create a citation for this entry:

EXAMPLE:  
Contributions from an edited collection with various authored chapters  

2. Using the database Gale Virtual Reference Library, find one encyclopedia entry relevant to your topic.

Name of book:  
Editor of book:  
Author of entry:  
Title of entry:  
Page numbers:  
Date of publication:  
Publisher:  
Location of Publisher:  
URL:  

Create a citation for this entry:
Part 2: Databases

3. Go to Advanced Search on the WorldCat database from the library website. Find a recent book on your topic not available at New Paltz.

Title:
Author:
Publisher:
Location of publisher:
Publication year:
Page number:

Create a citation for this book:

EXAMPLE
Book with one author
4. Use JSTOR to find two recent and relevant academic articles on your topic. *TIP: Limit your search to articles in History journals.*

Journal title: 
Article title: 
Author: 
Date of publication: 
Issue: 
Volume: 
Page numbers: 
URL: 

Journal title: 
Article title: 
Author: 
Date of publication: 
Issue: 
Volume: 
Page numbers: 
URL: 

Create citations for your articles:

**EXAMPLE**

**Journal Article**
5. Use JSTOR to find a book review of one of the books you found in #3. *TIP: You can narrow your JSTOR search by item type.*

Title of Publication:
Title of article:
Author:
Date of publication:
Issue:
Volume:
URL:

Create a citation for this book review:

EXAMPLE
**Book Review**

6. Give the names of two academic journals that publish articles on the Chinese Cultural Revolution. *TIP: Pay attention to the names of the journals listed in your search results in #4 and #5.*

**Part 3: In the Stacks**

8. Use the library catalog to find the most relevant book on your topic that we have in the stacks at New Paltz. (Not an e-book)

_**TIP:** Use Advanced Search so you can narrow the search by title or subject. You may have to use variations of your topic, egs. Medieval Spain or Muslim Spain instead of Moorish Spain, or Africans in Colonial Mexico instead of Slavery._

**Book #1**
**Title:**
**Author:**
**Date of publication:**
**Publisher:**
**Location of publisher:**
**Call number:**

Create a citation for this book:

**EXAMPLE**

**Book with single author**

9. Go to the stacks where the book you found in the previous question is shelved. Browse the shelves around your first book to find two additional books that relate to your topic.

**Book #2**
Title:
Author:
Date of publication:
Publisher:
Location of publisher:
**Call number:**

Create a citation for this book:

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Book #3
Title:
Author:
Date of publication:
Publisher:
Location of publisher:
**Call number:**

Create a citation for this book: