HIST20013

THE HOLOCAUST & GENOCIDE

Library support for your essay

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TODAY'S SESSION

Library resources and skills for your research essay

Finding historical overviews
Finding primary sources
Finding secondary sources
Referencing

https://www.zeetings.com/unimelb-library
GETTING STARTED

http://unimelb.libguides.com/HIST20013

Finding books in the library

Links to primary sources in the library and online

Links to journal article databases

Link to Re:Cite referencing tool

Specialist librarian contact details
THE ESSAY

2500 words

Responding to a historical problem

Extensive research, both primary and secondary

High quality secondary sources (journal articles, books)
FINDING HISTORICAL OVERVIEWS

Basic, foundational information

Encyclopedia articles

Help give you an overview of an era or topic

Ideas for what primary sources to look for

Ideas for your keyword searching in databases

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF HUMAN RIGHTS

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF CONFLICTS SINCE WORLD WAR 2

OXFORD REFERENCE
WIKIPEDIA

Good for a quick overview

Springboard to other resources (e.g. primary sources)

Not considered scholarly, do not cite in your essays!

Anyone can edit, always changing

Articles on genocide particularly contentious
**PRIMARY SOURCES**

The problems:
No single repository and often hidden
Survivor testimonies patchy, in varied languages
Active suppression by governments
Modern primary sources embedded in modern journalism (newspapers etc.)

The solutions:
Visit the Library's primary source resources on the guide
Add 'AND sources' to your searching
Look at historical newspapers
Be smart with Google and Wikipedia
SECONDARY SOURCES

Books, eBooks
Book chapters
Journal articles
Reference sources

WHERE TO FIND THEM

Books, ebooks = library catalogue
Book chapters = search for the book title
Journal articles = systematic searching through Discovery and databases
Reference sources = encyclopedias and reference databases
Library Catalogue

Searches all books and ebooks in our libraries

Favours broader searching

Allows you to systematically view books on specific topics

Can mark and add to lists

Request books from other libraries via BONUS+
DATABASE SEARCHING

Academic databases don’t all work like Google

You need to be precise - they will only return items that include the exact terms you’ve used

Inefficient and ineffective searching wastes times

There is no right or wrong way to search, but there are better ways. Spending a small amount of time at the start of your research will:

Save you time > get you better results > help you write a better essay (= better grades)
DISCOVERY

Great starting point for journal articles

Looks through roughly 70% of our online journals

Advanced search and sorting options

Mark and email your results

For comprehensive searching, try alongside other databases
MOVING FROM BASIC TO ADVANCED SEARCHING

Topic: *Did the Nazi ‘Final Solution’ emerge through ‘improvisation’ or ‘deliberate planning’?*

Nazi AND Final Solution

Nazi AND Final Solution AND emergence

(Nazi OR Germany) AND (Final Solution OR Holocaust OR genocide) AND (emergence OR origin OR deliberate OR improvisation)

(Nazi OR Germany) AND ("Final Solution" OR Holocaust OR genocide) AND (emerge* OR origin* OR deliberat* OR improvis*)
MULTI-WORD CONCEPTS?
Use quotation marks " " for phrase searching
"Final Solution" = keeps words together instead of searching for Final or Solution separately

SYNONYMS OR RELATED TERMS?
Use OR and brackets to search for related terms in the one search (tip: try Googling your keyword + synonym")
(improvised OR planned) AND genocide

VARIATIONS OF A WORD?
Use truncation *
improvis* = improvise, improvised, improvisation
REFERENCING

Chicago referencing style

Footnote style

Separate primary and secondary sources in your bibliography

Cite when direct quoting, paraphrasing and any time you use someone else's idea

Re:Cite library tool for examples of correct citing
TO RECAP

Remember that all the resources are in your Subject Research Guide: http://unimelb.libguides.com/HIST20013

Don’t start with Google or Wikipedia - check out one of the reference sources in the guide

Brainstorm your key concepts and synonyms

Experiment with your search strategies in multiple databases, remembering AND/OR, truncation etc.

Book in for help with Microforms, or call into the service desk