



Junior Reference Collection Search Tips

What do you want to know?



How to use *Junior Reference Collection*

Use your library's Internet browser to go to the *Junior Reference Collection* URL. On the home page, type a word or phrase in the box and click "**Search**" or use one of the search options listed.

Tip: Read "**Search Tips**" before getting started.

PEOPLE SEARCH



If you have all or part of a specific name, type it in the box and click "**Search.**" If not, you can use the Identify a Person category by filling in one, some or all of the fields. For example, you can use one field to search for scientists, two fields to search for American scientists, three fields to search for American women scientists, etc.

PLACE SEARCH



Type a specific place name in the entry box and click "**Search.**" Or, you can select a place from the list.

SUBJECT SEARCH



For common topics, Subject Search gives you the most results. Click on the entry box and type in a word or phrase.

AUTHOR SEARCH



If you have the name of a specific author, type it in the box and click "**Search.**" If not, use the Identify an Author feature by filling in one, some or all of the fields.

BOOK SEARCH



Type all or part of a book title in the entry box. Results depend on which of the search options you choose. For example, if you type in "To Kill a Mockingbird," you can choose to match any of the words entered (and get a lot of results); match all of the words entered in any order; or to match the words exactly as entered (the fewest but most precise results). You can also type in all or part of the author's name to help your search.

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TIMELINE



Use this search to find topics using a Specific Year, one or more Decades, one or more Centuries, Timeline Event or by Timeline Category.

CUSTOM SEARCH



Choose "**Custom Search**" to search all of the essays, biographies and timeline entries. You may enter words or phrases in up to two fields, using the operators **and**, **or** and **not** to broaden or narrow your results. You may also eliminate certain search categories — for example, search essays but not biographies — by "unchecking" the category boxes.

TOOLS



On the home page and during your search, you will find more tools to help you. They include:

- Revise Search
- Help
- Search Tips
- Merriam-Webster's® Collegiate Dictionary
- Merriam-Webster's® Biographical Dictionary
- Merriam-Webster's® Geographical Dictionary

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