

ARH 1000: Library Research Methods
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Some important questions to consider:

- What is the assignment and why am I doing this research?
- What kind of information, how much, and when do I need it?
- What do I already know about my topic and can I apply what I am learning now?
- Did I completely answer my initial research question and support it with relevant resources?
- How can I best share my conclusions with others?

To find a book (circulating or reference):

- Visit <http://www.spcollege.edu/central/libonline/> >>> click on **#4 Library Catalog** >>> it helps sometimes to narrow your search for items located on the **Gibbs campus** or to a certain **format**, **date**, and/or **language** >>> conduct a **subject**, **title**, **author** or **keyword** search?

A search for **florida highwaymen** within the **subject field** displays 0 results. Why? Let's try to search everywhere throughout the bibliographic record (**keyword**). Conducting the same search within the **keyword field** retrieves 1 record. If you have several results, then adding more specific keywords and/or an appropriate subject heading to your search can help to narrow down your topic.

To find appropriate subject headings:

- You can click on the **Browse Lists** button inside the Library Catalog and search for other subject terms. Discovering other subject terms can help you narrow or even broaden your topic. (e.g. **subject begins with ... art florida**).
- Or you can use the four volume print set found in the Reference section and search within the **Library of Congress Subject Headings**.
- Or you can do a basic or advanced search and notice other hyperlinked subject headings inside the bibliographic record.

Try an exact phrase search for **Thomas moran**

Search by: Keyword
Title
Author
Subject Exact phrase: No Yes
At: St. Petersburg College

Note: It is possible to request books from other libraries and have them sent to your main campus library!

St. Petersburg/Tarpon Springs Circulation	HF5381 .T2212 2006	Available	Request
Valencia/East	Circulation HF5381.T2212 2006	Available	Request

Borrower ID = Student Number
PIN = Last 4-digits of Social Security Number

Some select resources:

The Highwaymen: Florida’s outsider artists [videorecording]. Tarpon Springs, DVD ND1341.6 .H6 2003
A.E. "Bean" Backus : the Backus School [book]. Tarpon Springs, ND237.B14 A4 2000

You are now able to search for all of our electronic books (over 52,000 titles) within our main library catalog!). However, using netLibrary will allow you to search within the Full Text of the electronic book.

Find Electronic Books via NetLibrary: Visit <http://www.spcollege.edu/central/libonline/> >>> click on #5 Netlibrary >>> name =**spc** and password = _____.

- Try an advanced Search for Full-Text **“Hudson river school”** AND Subject **art**.

Important: it is easy to copy/paste content from electronic materials, so remember to **cite your sources!**

To find articles in journals, magazines, newspapers and more:

- Visit <http://www.spcollege.edu/central/libonline/> >>> click on #1 **Articles and Databases** >>> Name is **spc** and the password is _____ >>> Here you will find several databases. (**Grove Art Online, ArtStor, WilsonWeb Art, Biography Resource Center, and Jstor** are excellent choices.) In some cases, you can simultaneously search more than one database!
- Can also search a printed index like the **Readers’ Guide to Periodical Literature, the Humanities Index** etc. – they are especially helpful if the power goes out! Don’t forget to ask a librarian for help.

Grove Art Online: “For all aspects of the visual arts world wide.”

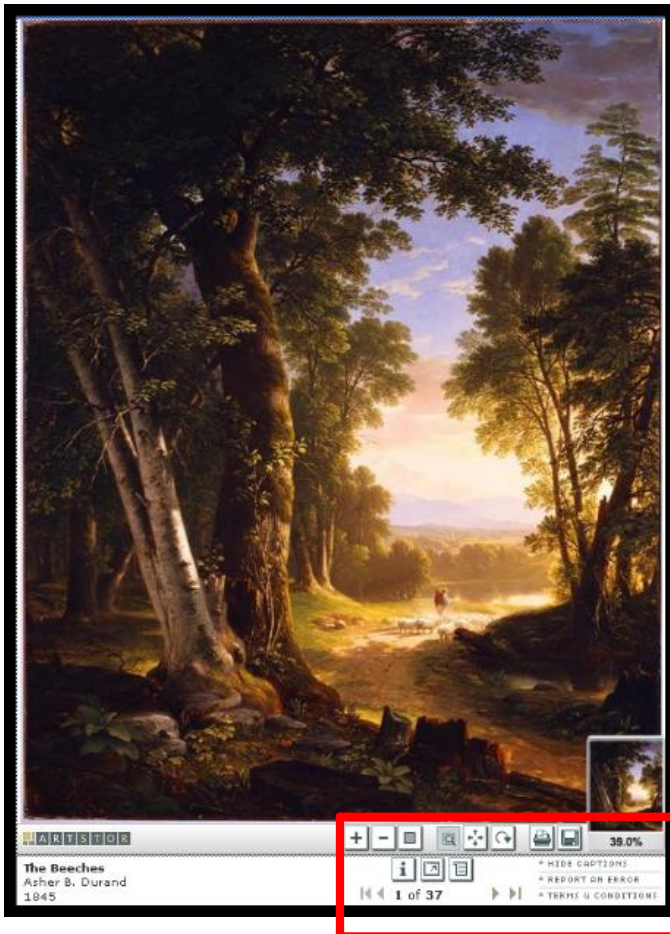
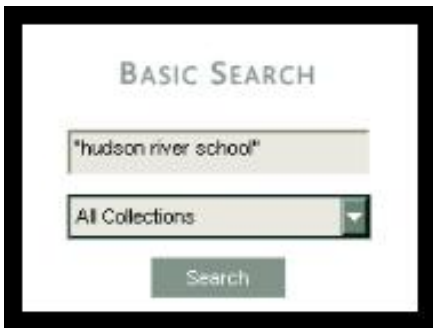
- Try a Full Text search for **“inness, george”** and also try a search for **“george inness.”**



- Try a Boolean Full-text search for **"hudson river school" AND florida**. (Pay special attention to the bibliographies).

ArtStor: a large digital library of images. Please register for a free account and then be able to access ArtStor from home, annotate images and more.

Try a Basic search for **"Hudson river school"** or **george inness**.



Note: click on the information icon for a painting's description. This is where your search terms will be. You can zoom in on specific areas of a painting and save those views.

WilsonWeb Art: Subjects range from Advertising Art, Art History, and Folk Art to Industrial Design, Interior Design, Painting, Photography, and video.



- Try a search for florida highwaymen.

Although an article isn't available in full-text within this database ask a librarian for help retrieving the article from another database. Also, review the other subject hyperlinks to find alternative articles.

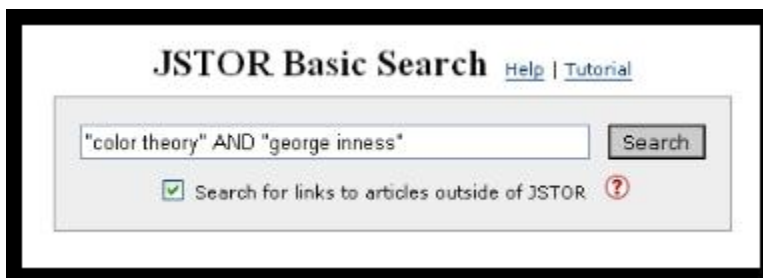
Biography Resource Center is another resource that you may want to use for basic biographical information.

Try a Name contains search for Thomas moran.



**** Note:** Although many articles are now available in full-text, you may still find some that are in a printed format (i.e., bound in book form) or in another database. If the article is not in full-text, then you will need to determine if our library owns that particular edition/database.

JSTOR is an archive of important scholarly journals. Try a search for "color theory" AND "george inness".

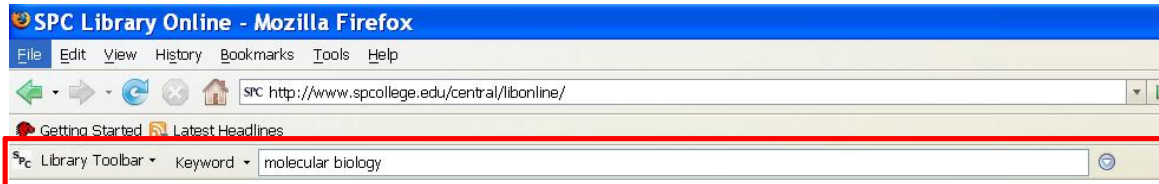


If you do research via the World Wide Web please consider the following:

- Anyone can create a website.
- Can you clearly determine who has written the article? Do they have subject expertise?
- Is the website relevant to your research? Is it comprehensive? Up-to date? Biased?
- Can the information be verified?




Library Toolbar: Stay connected to your library resources while searching the web!



Some more things to consider ...

1. Computers do a fine job storing and retrieving information; however, they are only as intelligent as their users. We must continue to use our brains and critically evaluate what we read and judge it accordingly. Computers allow researchers to find lots of information easily, but it is clearing the thickening “data smog” that can be difficult while at the same time rewarding.
2. Try to add content that you may think is missing from an article and ask vital questions along the way. This will force you to think more openly about a topic and to remain focused throughout the research process.
3. Don’t forget to cite your sources! Take good notes and remember to document where and when you found the information. Visit <http://www.spcollege.edu/central/libonline/> and under Quick Links select Citing Sources for more information. Read SPC’s Academic Honesty Policy at <http://www.spcollege.edu/webcentral/admit/honesty.htm>.
4. Have fun and enjoy the learning process!

Don’t forget to  ... Librarians are available to help every person select and effectively use the library’s resources within the library and even in cyberspace!