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The following sources in this guide are good places to begin your research.

I. Background Sources are located on the first floor of Reinsch Library and do not circulate.

**General**


*Dictionary of Historical Theology.* REF BT 21.2 .D53
Entries concentrate on figures, schools of thought, and significant texts in the development of Christian theology from the early church to the present day.

*The Encyclopedia of Christianity.* REF BR95 .E8913
Each entry describes the Christian faith in its 2,000 year history.

*The New Catholic Encyclopedia.* (15 vol.) REF BX841 .N44
Provides information on Christianity and the Catholic Church.

*OSV’s Encyclopedia of Catholic History.* REF BX841 .B86
Short entries on issues in Catholicism comprising the time period from the Pentecost to the reign of Pope John Paul II.

*Oxford Dictionary of Popes.* Available online on ALADIN in the Oxford Reference: Philosophy and Religion database. “Presents biographical accounts in chronological order of all the officially recognized popes from St. Peter to Pope Benedict XVI.”

*The Papacy: An Encyclopedia.* (3 vol.) REF BX955.2 .D53
Covers all the pope (and antipopes), as well as topics related to the papacy, such as encyclicals, religious orders, and the arts.

**Renaissance and Reformation**

*Encyclopedia of the Renaissance.* (6 vol.) REF CB361 .E52
Covers Renaissance from 1350 to late fifteenth century. Includes bibliographies.

*Encyclopedia of the Renaissance and Reformation.* REF CB359 .B47

Articles range on topics from leading figures, revolutions, notable events to national histories. Includes bibliographies.
Renaissance and Reformation (6 vol.) REF CB359 .R455
Articles “constitute a critical survey of the ideas, events, and movements that marked European history between 1300 and 1700.”

Enlightenment

Encyclopedia of the Enlightenment. REF B802 .W48
Articles describe the important figures, events, and key words of the Enlightenment period. Provides a short “further reading” list.

Encyclopedia of the Enlightenment. (4 vol.) REF B802 .E53
Includes bibliographies.

Revolution

Encyclopedia of the American Revolutionary War: a Political, Social, and Military History. REF E208 .E64
Articles describe the important figures, events, and keywords of the American Revolution. Includes short bibliographies.

Encyclopedia of the French Revolutionary and Napoleonic Wars: a Political, Social, and Military History. REF DC220 .E53
Articles describe the important figures, battles, sieges, movements, and keywords of the French Revolution and Napoleonic Wars. Includes bibliographies.

Modern Age


Europe:1789-1914 (5 vol.)
Covers the Age of Industry and empire. Provides extensive bibliography

Europe Since 1914: Encyclopedia of the Age of War and Reconstruction. (5 vol.) REF D424. E94
Covers the topics essential for the study of European history from 1914 and the end of World War I to the new Europe since 1992.

II. Books

Search the ALADIN Catalog for books owned by MU or other members of the WRLC. For additional information review the Help Screen Options and refer to the handouts Tips and Techniques: Catalog Search and Finding Materials in the Library to browse subject by call number.

To Search by Subject

The quickest way to search for a subject is by typing one or more keywords or a person’s name in the search box and clicking on Keyword. For additional results, click on a book that addresses your subject and look at the Subjects assigned to that book. Click on a Subject heading to view additional titles.
TIPS
1. Enter one or more terms which best describe your topic.
2. Use and, or, not to combine terms, May Laws and Bismarck
3. Use quotation marks to search words as a phrase, “Second Vatican Council”

Always assume that we have books on your subject. If you are not finding anything, ask for help at the reference desk, IM: AskMULibrary, or email library@marymount.edu.

III. Articles. Search the databases in ALADIN at http://www.aladin.wrlc.org. Dates of indexing and full-text will vary by publication and database.

Religion Databases

ATLA Religion Database
Indexes nearly a million records from 1,400 journals all related to religion; covers predominantly Christianity, but includes information on most other religions. Use the External Link Resolver to link to full-text in other Marymount databases.

Catholic Periodical and Literature Index. (Earlier years only in hard copy in REF Index BX861 .C364) Indexes over 200 periodicals covering all aspects of Catholicism. Use the button to link to full-text.

JSTOR: Arts and Sciences
Archival database of 30 scholarly journals in religion. Articles are at least three to fives years old.

Proquest Religion
Indexes more than 100 journals in the field of religion from 1986 to the present. Use the Find a Copy link and then the button to link to full-text.

Religion and Philosophy Collections
Provides extensive coverage on such topics as religious history. Offers 300 full-text journals, including more than 250 peer-reviewed titles. Use the button to link to full-text.

Historical Databases

America: History and Life
Indexes articles from prehistory to the present day concerning the United States. Use the button to link to full-text.

Historical Abstracts
Indexes world history from 1450 to the present. Use the button to link to full-text.

Humanities Database

Humanities International Complete
Provides full-text of hundreds of journals, books, and other published sources from around the world. Use the button to link to full-text.

General/Multidisciplinary Database

Academic Search Complete
Comprehensive scholarly, multi-disciplinary full-text database that also provides indexing and abstracting. Use the button to link to full-text.

**Finding Articles**

Refer to the handout *Tips and Techniques: How to Find Journal Articles*.

**IV. Internet Resources.** Below are listed some relevant resources. The web version of this guide ([http://www.marymount.edu/lls/guides](http://www.marymount.edu/lls/guides)) provides direct links to these sites. For suggestions on how to find other academic web sites refer to the handout Tips and Techniques: Researching the World Wide Web.

**Yale University Research Guide for Christianity**
*[http://www.library.yale.edu/div/electext.htm](http://www.library.yale.edu/div/electext.htm)*

From Yale University’s Divinity School, a comprehensive list of websites on church history.

**Internet Modern History Sourcebook**
*[http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/mod/modsbook.html](http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/mod/modsbook.html)*

Provides a collection of public domain and copy permitted historical texts from Renaissance and Reformation to the modern day.

**Renaissance**
*[http://www.learner.org/exhibits/renaissance](http://www.learner.org/exhibits/renaissance)*

Introduces the visitor to the broad topics of the Renaissance. Includes related resources web links and book recommendations.

**Center for Reformation and Renaissance Studies**
*[http://www.crrs.ca](http://www.crrs.ca)*

Is a research center with a library devoted to the study of the period from approximately 1350 to 1700. Lists a comprehensive guide to electronic resources and web links.

**World Cultures to 1500: The European Enlightenment**
*[http://www.wsu.edu:8080/~dee/ENLIGHT/ENLIGHT.HTM](http://www.wsu.edu:8080/~dee/ENLIGHT/ENLIGHT.HTM)*

Gives historical background on the topics and figures of the Enlightenment. Provides web links to Internet Resources.

**The Scientific Revolution**

Provides an overview and background to the Scientific Revolution. Lists links to primary and secondary sources.

*For further information, stop by the reference desk, call (703) 284-1649, e-mail library@marymount.edu or send an IM to AskMULibrary (via AOL, Google Talk, Meebo, MSN or Yahoo!) during selected hours.*

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