FINDING BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The reference collection is a good place to begin looking for information, especially if you need
- a place to start and don’t know much about your topic;
- help choosing a topic (or broadening it or narrowing it down);
- some suggestions for further reading;
- concise information, such as a short / medium length historical overview or biographical essay.

The following titles are all located in the reference section, or accessible from the Journal Articles and Databases list, and may help you with background / overview information of your topic in this class. All of these works contain articles on some aspect of the Arab-Israeli Conflict or the Middle East in general.

- **Atlas of the Arab-Israeli conflict** REF/G/2236./S1/G52
- **Encyclopedia of the Arab-Israeli Conflict: A Political, Social, and Military History** REF/DS/119.7/.E5653/2008/vols.1-3
- **Encyclopedia of the Modern Middle East and North Africa** (online in Gale Virtual Reference Library)
- **Encyclopedia of the Palestinians** REF/DS/113.6/.E53/2000
- **Historical Dictionary of the Arab-Israeli Conflict** (online in Gale Virtual Reference Library)
- **Middle East Conflict** REF/DS/119.7/.M4713/2012/vols.1-3

**FINDING MATERIAL IN THE ONLINE CATALOG**

You can find materials in our catalog by author, title, subject or keyword. It incorporates the holdings of four libraries (Holston Associated Libraries), and lists books, periodical titles, DVDs, videos, internet resources and e-books, and compact discs. With your valid student ID, you may check out books from member libraries, or request them through the catalog—ask a circulation staff member or a librarian for information on this service. A shuttle runs from Washington County PL and E&H three times a week.
Below is a subject search on the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Here is a screen shot of the title *A History of the Arab-Israeli Conflict*.
Some other subject headings you might find relevant are:

Israel-Arab Border Conflicts;
Middle East -- History;
Middle East -- Politics and government;
Jewish-Arab relations;
Israel -- Foreign relations -- Arab countries;
Arab countries -- Foreign relations -- Israel.;
Peace movements -- Israel.;
Peace movements -- Palestine.;
proper names (such as Ben-Gurion, David; Arafat, Yasir, etc.).

Please note that this is just a sampling—there are many more subject headings to search, depending on your topic. If you cannot find information you need in the catalog, speak with a librarian (Jane, Patty, Jody, or Janet).

**FINDING MATERIAL BY USING DATABASES**

Besides books, you will want articles. Articles generally fall into two groups: popular magazines and scholarly periodicals. You have online access to both kinds of articles through the many databases this library subscribes to. Kelly Library subscribes to many online full-text and partially full-text databases that would be helpful in locating material for your research assignments in this class. You may access them from the library web page (www.library.hec.edu) by clicking on the **Journal Articles and Databases** link.

*Academic Search Complete*
*Academic Search Complete* is a periodical database that includes both popular and scholarly journals. It has full text articles as well as indexing and abstracting for many more journals. Another similar database to try is *General Onefile*.

*JSTOR*
*JSTOR* is an online journal collection that has the backfile of hundreds of journals, usually with a moving wall of three to five years.

*Congressional Quarterly (CQ) Electronic Library*
*CQ* offers comprehensive, balanced reporting on important issues, and the ability to track issues over time.

*Religion and Philosophy Collection*
This collection has the full-text of about 300 journals dealing with issues of religion, religious history, and philosophy.

*America’s Newspapers (Newsbank)*
The *America’s Newspapers* database from *Newsbank* provides the full text of over 700 U.S. newspapers. Although newspapers may not be considered scholarly sources, they can be helpful in giving you information as the event was, or is, unfolding; tracing a story through the newspaper can give you a day-by-day breakdown of it.

Kelly Library also subscribes to about 400 print journals, magazines, and newspapers. Print periodicals are kept on the main floor of the library, with current issues in the periodicals alcove.
COURSE RESERVES

Many of the class readings for this course are on reserve and can be requested at the library circulation desk. In addition to class readings, some materials that might be particularly helpful to your research have been placed on reserve as well. Records for these items can be accessed through the Course Reserves link on the main library catalog page by entering the course number, course name, or the name of your professor. Reserve items for this particular class are for in library use only.

WORLD CATALOG

Having trouble locating material in Kelly Library on a particular subject? Try World Catalog. It’s not a periodical index, but an index of books and other items. If you are not finding adequate material on your subject in the catalog, this is a good way to identify titles. For example, if you aren’t happy with the library’s holdings on the Palestinian Liberation Organization, you might try a search like the one below to find some titles.

USING THE INTERLIBRARY LOAN SERVICE

As you use these print and electronic resources, you will find citations to journals and books Kelly Library does not own. Our staff will try to get article copies or borrow books for you through interlibrary loan. To order material this way, click on the interlibrary loan link on the library home page under Services. If you have never used this service, you will need to register by clicking on the first time users button and completing some user information—you’ll need your barcoded ID card. You will need to do this only one time. Then, you can proceed to the book and photocopy order forms. There is no charge for this service for the first 50 requests per academic year. Please double check your request in the catalog and the Full Text E-Journals list to be sure that the library does not own the material before you fill in the
order form, and allow at least 5-7 working days to receive your order. Please do not submit more than 10 requests for returnable material (books) at one time. If you have questions about this service, ask Patty or Jane.

**FINDING INTERNET SOURCES**

For reputable internet sources, you may want to do a subject search in IPL2 ([http://www.ipl.org/](http://www.ipl.org/)) on Arab-Israeli conflict or a related topic. Note: This service is partnered with Drexel University’s College of Information Science Technology, and the websites’ content is checked by library science grad students, librarian and information science professionals before inclusion. Websites must meet certain standards before they are listed in IPL2.

You may also try Google Scholar ([http://scholar.google.com](http://scholar.google.com)), which might lead you to more academically-oriented material than a typical Google search.

**DOCUMENTING YOUR SOURCES**

When you quote an author’s words, or paraphrase an author’s unique ideas, you must give credit to the source. If you do not, you have committed plagiarism, which is a violation of the E&H Honor Code. The different documentation styles for the various academic fields will help you avoid this. Many of these style manuals are on reserve at the Circulation Desk. Also, click on Research Tips and look at some of the documentation sites listed there. Don’t forget the resources at E&H’s Writing Center and Powell Resource Center.

**NOTE**: Please speak with a reference librarian if you are not finding information on your topic. We are here to help you with your information needs. The librarians that provide reference assistance are Jane Caldwell, Patty Greany, Jody Hanshew and Janet Kirby. Reference service is available from 8:00am-9pm Monday-Thursday; 8:30am-4:30pm Friday; 10am-5pm Saturday and 2pm-9pm Sunday during the regular semesters. Circulation staff members are Adam Alley, Katie Fletcher, David Lyons, Holly McCormick, and Janice Snead.

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