History 201   The History of News

Weekly Assignment on Research Tools

Finding Books

1. Where would you consult the following book—in what section of the library?
   With what call number?
   The 2015 edition of Mary Lynn Rampolla's *Pocket Guide to Writing in History*.

2. How would you get your hands on a hard copy of the following book (but
   note: an electronic version is available through archive.org)?
   Stanley's Despatches to the New York Herald, 1871-1872, 1874-1877, edited
   by Norman R. Bennett.

Searching for Secondary Sources and Book Reviews

3. Using JSTOR. How many articles in the History journals include the phrase
   "public sphere" in the article title? What was the earliest such article?

4. Using Academic Search Complete. How many items (including articles,
   book reviews, etc.) include the phrase "moral panic" and the word "France"
   in the text?

5. Find a good book review of Benedict Anderson's *Imagined Communities*.
   By good, I mean a scholarly book review *written for historians*. Give the
   citation in *footnote format*.

6. Find a good article on early aviation in the press. By good, I mean a
   relevant article (not a book review) in a peer-reviewed historical journal.
   Give the citation in *bibliography format*.

Searching Primary Sources

7. Using *Gale Newspapers*, how many newspaper articles can you find on Henry Ford's "peace mission" between 1914 and 1917?

8. According to the African American press (as represented in the Readex/Newsbank *African American Newspapers* collection, how serious was the lynching of African-Americans in 1934? Give one example to support your answer.

9. Search the newspaper collection at *Chronicling America*. What are some prominent products advertised in the Akron Daily Democrat in December of 1899?

10. What is the earliest reference to Adolf Hitler in the *London Times*? In what context?

11. How many references to "Jack the Ripper" can you find in the *Times of India* in the 1880s? How many references that have both the words "Whitechapel" and "murder" in the same period?