

The JSTOR (from “Journal STORAge”) database compiles the full runs of hundreds of important scholarly journals in the arts, sciences, social sciences, languages, and business. Coverage is from the first issue up to 3 to 5 years before the present, depending on the publisher.

JSTOR also indexes more recent content of some journals, so you can search or browse for title, author, and abstract records of articles; although the full text of these recent articles is not available inside JSTOR, direct links are provided to the full text via other online resources if the library has a current subscription.

Formerly useful mostly as a repository for retrieving works you already knew about, JSTOR implemented a powerful search function in 2005 that makes it an effective place to discover scholarly information.

SEARCH *to discover articles*

By default, JSTOR searches the full text of every article in the database. It's up to you to tell JSTOR how and where to match your search words to articles that are relevant to your need. Although the Basic Search form displays by default, select the Advanced Search link to start your searching – most of the time, it provides the best mix of power and ease of use.

- The Advanced Search screen simplifies the ways you can search with multiple words:
- “**All of these words**” corresponds to the Boolean AND: it narrows your focus
 - “**Exact phrase**” corresponds to putting the phrase in quotation marks
 - “**At least one of these words**” is the Boolean OR: it opens your focus, as when searching for synonyms.
 - “**None of these words**” is the Boolean NOT: it excludes words that are out of your context.
 - Search term in one box will be joined to those in others by an implied AND.

- Systematically focus your searches by checking off limits one at a time to look for words occurring in particular **fields** (portions of articles), article **types**, publication **dates**, **disciplines**, or **journal titles**.
- Only 10% of JSTOR articles have indexed abstracts. So abstract-only searching is a long shot.
 - Enter author names in any order -- J A Leo Lemay or Lemay J or Leo Lemay -- in the “all these words” box.
 - Click on the + button in the discipline list to see what journals are included; use the check boxes to select where to search.

For a complete list of options for power-searching with JSTOR’s special commands, select **TIPS** in the red menu bar at the top of each page.

Note especially:

- **Wildcard:** replace one (or zero) letter with the ? symbol: colo?r
- **Plurals:** add the & symbol: quiz&
- **Proximity:** use the quotation marks on your search words, the ~ symbol, and a number to find words near each other: "franklin roosevelt"~3
- **Fuzzy search:** use ~ to find words with multiple spellings: dostoyevsky~

Basic and Expert Search are somewhat more flexible for using Boolean commands and JSTOR’s special commands.

Search results lists provide

- article titles (linked to the articles);
- authors (linked to other articles by those authors);
- bibliographic citations;

- stable URLs that can be pasted into bibliographies (if required) or other documents;
- links to the page in the articles where your search terms appear;
- options to print or download the article or save the citation to create a bibliography that can be exported to email, word processor, or a citation manager.

BROWSE

to explore or to retrieve known articles

The top of the Browse screen lists two ways to drill down to particular articles:

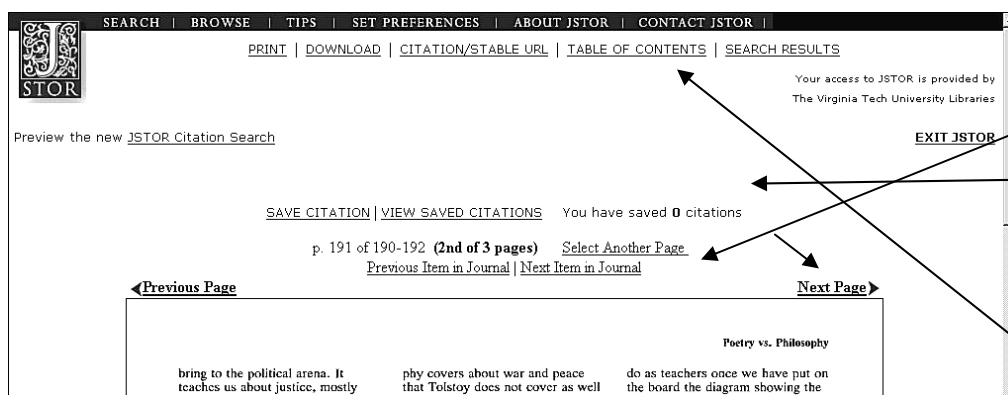
- **Discipline list.** Clicking on the discipline takes you down the page to a cluster of JSTOR journals for that field, with the dates of JSTOR coverage. If the journal evolved from another one in JSTOR, the title of the antecedent journal is indented beneath it. This is analogous to browsing the stacks for hard-copy journals.
- **Alphabetical list** of all available JSTOR journals. Using this option is analogous to going to a specific volume on the shelf after locating an article citation in an index, footnote, or bibliography.

In either list, selecting a journal title will take you to a page listing

- the range of volumes available in JSTOR for that title, clustered by years.
- a link to a description of the journal. Descriptions generally include the scope of the journal's coverage and the scholarly association that sponsors it.

Click on the volume and then issue that you wish to see. From the list of articles, you can access the full text.

Article screens



Immediately above (and below) every page of every article, JSTOR provides blue navigation options to move within the article and journal.

Next come links for adding the citation to a list for a bibliography or exporting

Further toward the upper and lower edge of the screen, it offers management options and additional navigation options, in gray type:

- **Print.** All articles are PDF format. Click on *Print*, then click on *Proceed with printing*. A new window will open. When the article appears, click the browser *Print* button. (Always print through the JSTOR Print link, not your browser print command: the browser may not format margins correctly.)
- **Download.** On this link you can choose "Save Link As..." (Mozilla/Netscape) or "Save Target As..." (Internet Explorer) to save the article to disk.
- **Citation/stable URL.** Displays article title, author(s), journal title, volume, number, publishing date, pagination, and a URL that can be pasted into web pages or bibliographies.
- **Table of contents.** Browse the other articles in this issue of the journal.
- **Search results.** If you got to the article by searching, this link will take you back to your results list..

For faster printing

If you will be printing frequently through a slow connection on your personal computer, download and install the free "JPRINT" software (from the *Select Preferences* link in the red bar at the top of the page). Otherwise, to speed printing:

- Click on *download* from the options at the top or bottom of the screen
- Select "PDF: Economy" (unless you really need a bigger, higher-resolution printout). When the article displays, select the "Save as..." option, and save the file as *meaningful_brief_file_name.pdf*.
- Open the file and print the article using the latest stand-alone version of Adobe Acrobat.