Library Assistance: History of Fashion (Online Course)

- For an overview/definition of clothing/fashion/costumes try Gale Virtual Reference Library at:

  http://find.galegroup.com/gvrl/infomark.do?type=static&page=AdvancedSearch&prodId=GVRL&version=1.0&userGroupName=newpaltz&source=gale

  OR if you can get to the library, try one of these sources: [FREE printing from any Ref book at the Information Desk]

  Encyclopedia of Clothing and Fashion [Ref GT507.E53 2005]
  In an Influential Fashion: an encyclopedia of nineteenth and twentieth century fashion designers and retailers who transformed dress [Ref TT505.A1 15 2002]
  The Thames and Hudson Dictionary of Fashion and Fashion Designers [Ref GT507.O3 1998]

- Search the STL Library Catalog for in-depth books on your topic.

  Example: Choose subject begins with, if you are fairly certain your topic is a LC subject heading
  Fashion- History
  Costume History Medieval, 500-1500
  Clothing and Dress in Literature
  Gucci (firm) history

  Choose words anywhere for proper names, unique search terms or concepts:
  Coco Chanel
  Ancient Egypt clothing
  Georgian costume?
  t-shirts
If you cannot get to the library, try advanced search and limit to e-book under collections:

**Fashion e-book**

[http://delaware.sunnyconnect.sun.edu:4430/F/?func=find-a&find_code=WRD&request=fashion+design&request_op=AND&find_code=WRD&request=&filter_code_1=WLA&filter_request_1=&filter_code_2=WYR&filter_request_2=&filter_code_3=WFM&filter_request_3=&filter_code_5=WCL&filter_request_5=EBK&x=42&y=13&Search=Search](http://delaware.sunnyconnect.sun.edu:4430/F/?func=find-a&find_code=WRD&request=fashion+design&request_op=AND&find_code=WRD&request=&filter_code_1=WLA&filter_request_1=&filter_code_2=WYR&filter_request_2=&filter_code_3=WFM&filter_request_3=&filter_code_5=WCL&filter_request_5=EBK&x=42&y=13&Search=Search)

◆ Click on the Database tab for journal and newspaper articles and images. If you are off-campus you will be asked for your New Paltz User Name and Password.

**Academic Search Premier** (EBSCO): newspaper/journal articles (To find production reviews, change default fields to PS Reviews & Products)

**ArtStor:** images in paintings, drawings, some costume sketches as well

**Black Drama:** 1850-present: good place to look for production information, find scripts, posters, costume sketches:


**Expanded Academic** (InfoTrac): Multidisciplinary database, fine for feature articles and reviews

**Grove Art Online:** excellent source for historical information as well as for images


**Historical New York Times:** full text of NY Times (plus images) from 1851-2003. Use the ads, theatre reviews, etc.

Search articles and display ads for a designer like “Madeleine Vionnet”:

**JSTOR** (archival database of journal articles: full text articles from scholarly sources, currency limited by "moving wall" of subscription dates.)

**Lexis-Nexis Academic Universe** (Media Transcripts, many regional newspapers, plus New York Times full text back to 1983)

**ProQuest Direct** (Periodical Abstracts Research II): multidisciplinary source for newspaper and journal articles. For theatre reviews, type in the name of your play, change default fields to Article Type and select Performance Review. When you click on Add to Search, the database will search for King Lear AND Performance Review.

**Wilson Select Plus**: excellent source for full text journal articles

**IMPORTANT URL INFORMATION**: Links may work at first, but can change after you have copied them. Find out how to create persistent URL’s so that your articles will be there when you need them!

[http://lib.newpaltz.edu/databases/persistent.html](http://lib.newpaltz.edu/databases/persistent.html)

**What do I do when I find a citation without full text?**

Follow these instructions if you do not see full text within the database:

[http://lib.newpaltz.edu/assistance/finditnewpaltz.pdf](http://lib.newpaltz.edu/assistance/finditnewpaltz.pdf)

If full text is not available in the library or online, you may wish to use ILLIAD (interlibrary loan). (Journal articles take just a few days and come to your e-mail account.)

Need **citation information/examples**? Most databases include information about how to cite for your discipline. Go to the **Research Assistance page at:**

[http://lib.newpaltz.edu/assistance/assistanceindex.html](http://lib.newpaltz.edu/assistance/assistanceindex.html)

Select **Citation and Style**. Choose from many sites we recommend.

Internet:

**Google Images**: find designer sketches, photos, paintings, etc.

**Fashion-era.com**: everything from current trends to costume history silhouettes, with many images [http://www.fashion-era.com/index.htm](http://www.fashion-era.com/index.htm)
Select an Area to Research: Theatre Arts. Find links to sites with information about costumes, armor, etc.
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