

**Title and publication year of your main source:**

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FIRST, does your source have a bibliography, or footnotes/endnotes, a reference list, or list of suggested reading?

**YES** → Scan the references and see if you can find a source that looks promising in terms of its title and/or publication date.

***If that source is a book...***

First, check in NOBLE:

<http://evergreen.noblenet.org/eg/opac/home?locg=1>

Is it there? Don't restrict to the SSU Library at first. If it's at another NOBLE library, click on *Place Hold* and be ready to enter your library bar code and PIN to have it brought to campus for you.

If it's not there, check in WorldCat: <http://www.worldcat.org>

If you can find it in WorldCat, you can request it through interlibrary loan. About interlibrary loan:  
<http://www.salemstate.edu/library/3806.php>

***If that source is an article...***

How can you tell which database to look in?

From the library home page, click on *Find Journals by Title*:  
<http://ud8jn6tu6b.search.serialssolutions.com/> Look up the name of the *journal* on that page (almost always the italicized portion of the citation).

Do we have access to that journal through one of the library databases? If not, place a request for the particular article you want through interlibrary loan, or get in touch with your librarian to discuss other options:  
[ejensen2@salemstate.edu](mailto:ejensen2@salemstate.edu)

**NO, no bibliography or references.**

Look up your book in the NOBLE catalog: <http://evergreen.noblenet.org/eg/opac/home?locg=1>

Find *Search for Related Items by Subject* toward the bottom of the page, and try clicking on the phrase that is closest to the kind of result you'd like to get.

For example: Thoreau, Henry David, 1817-1862 > Biography. (Click on the farthest right part of the subject heading.)

That will take you to other items in the catalog that have been identified as being about the same subject. Don't restrict yourself to the SSU Library if you have time to place a hold on items in other NOBLE libraries.

Try the same process in WorldCat if the NOBLE catalog doesn't have results that satisfy you. If you find an item in WorldCat, you can request it through interlibrary loan (<http://www.salemstate.edu/library/3806.php>); just be sure to allow a few days.