

Tips for Researching French Topics

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Hint: Before doing **any searching**, think of as many keywords or phrases as you can relating to your subject.

Books: Search the library catalog:

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| 1) keyword searches: | france and indochina
dien bien phu
france and immigra* | "french revolution"
francophone literature
france and customs |
| 2) author searches: | cocteau jean | duras marguerite |
| 3) for books about a person, do subject searches: | gaulle charles de
curie marie | |

Use the **Advanced Search** to locate books in French.

Articles: Library webpage > Find Articles & Databases

Lexis-Nexis – for current news articles in French, select:

- select "Guided News Search"
- select "Non-English Language News" for Step One
- select "French Language News" in Step Two
- enter search terms
- select a date range

To find more articles on a topic, try **Academic Search Premier**, **InfoTrac OneFile**, or look at the article databases under appropriate subjects. Some databases allow you to search for articles in French.

French Language:

REF PC 2640 – look for this call number to find French-English/English-French **dictionaries** in Cooper Library

online dictionaries: Library webpage > Find Articles & Databases > Foreign Languages > Language Dictionaries

501 French Verbs Fully Conjugated in all the Tenses (REF PC 2271 .K378 1996)

French False Friends (REF PC 2593 .K47)

Encyclopædia Universalis, a 23-volume encyclopedia in French, is located on the encyclopedia shelves near the computers in the Reference Area.

- Hints:**
- 1) When you find a book on your topic in the stacks, browse the books nearby.
 - 2) When you find a useful article or book, check the bibliography for more sources.